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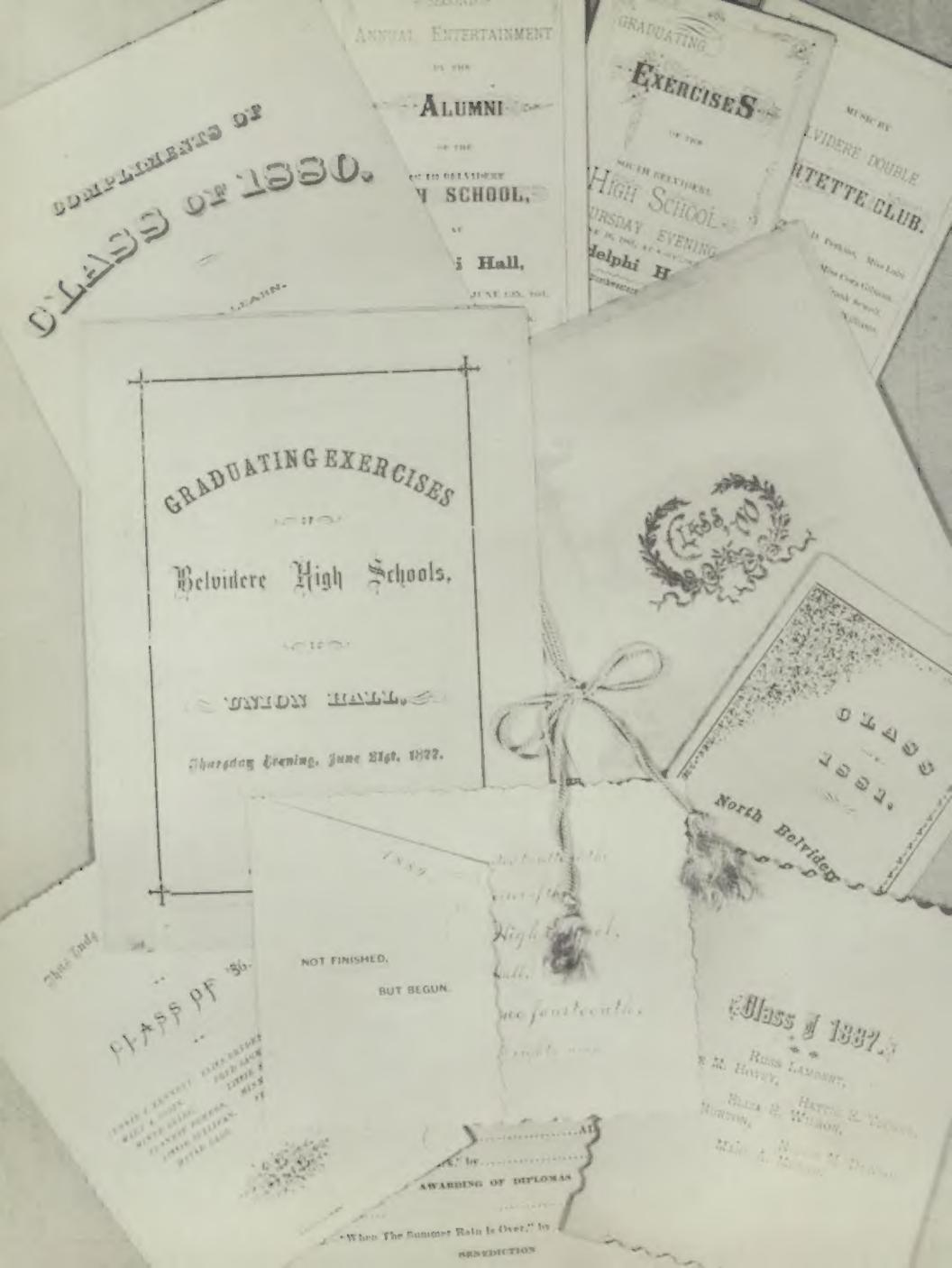
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1877—The population of the United States soared to thirty-eight and a half million; a blue glass craze swept the nation, and people put blue glass shades in their lamps to absorb the healthful rays; Belvidere boasted four thousand inhabitants, thirteen churches, three newspapers, more than fifty stores, and three cheese factories. By May the Belvidere Library had grown to aver one thousand volumes, and nine students received high school diplomas.

Nine students, four from one school, five from the other, became the first alumni of a Belvidere High School. From these small beginnings our high school has grown for seventy five years. Today nearly six hundred students attend B.H.S.—to study, to play, to cheer the Bucs. The little red brick school house has grown to a big one; a school bus waits now where once stood the horse and buggy, and down on State Street the parking meter has replace the hitching post.

Each class that has graduated from B.H.S. has made a contribution to the history of our school. For along with the initials in the scarred study hall desks, they have given us a tradition, a loyalty, a standard to live up to. Between these covers is portrayed the story of our days in B.H.S., our own contribution to this growing history. Here too is a glimpse into the past, a brief picture of students, teachers, and life in the "good old days."

Thus we, the Class of 1952, dedicate our Belvi to all the graduates of Belvidere High School. In honor of them and in gratitude for all that they have done for us, we present this book to those who will follow.

IN A LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

In 1835 New York was a teeming metropolis which could boast of the first flea circus, an "Extraordinary Exhibition of the first Industrious Fleas." The Middle West was pioneer country, and in northern Illinois a little settlement along the banks of the Kishwaukee had a population of thirty seven. Despite the rigors of frontier life, the education of the children was not being neglected. Under the shade of the trees and in private homes, wives and daughters of early settlers were playing school "marm". Among these was Mrs. Lawrence, grandmother of Miss Louise Lawrence, who

taught for many years in Belvidere High School.

The Newton Academy, one of the first established schools, attracted scholars from several states. Belvidere citizens a century ago would have spoken fondly of the "academy on the hill," located on the southeast corner of the court house square. In 1854 a stone building, which occupied the space where Lincoln School now stands, became the first public school in Boone County. A brick addition, built in 1857, cost eight thousand dollars and made it easily "the most pretentious school building in the country." The south side facilities consisted of one brick and two frame buildings occupying the three lots on Pearl Street, where Washington and the High School now stand. The wooden buildings were sold in 1883 but may still be seen in Belvidere. One is the home of Dick Heywood at 424 Caswell Street, and the other is now the Corn Belt Hatchery.

Four of our present schools were construced in the 1890's—Lincoln, Washington, Perry and Logan. In 1912, through the efforts of a conscientious teacher, the age old rivalry between North and South Belvidere High Schools came to an end. This teacher circulated a petition for consolidation, and when two thirds of the city had signed it, she deemed a vote unnecessary. Thus on March 18, 1912, the two schools became one. In December, 1916, the new high school was completed. A more recent addition to school facilities is the Community Building. Community Unit School District 100 was formed in 1949 with the merging of Flora, Spring, Belvidere, Bonus, and part of

Caledonia townships.

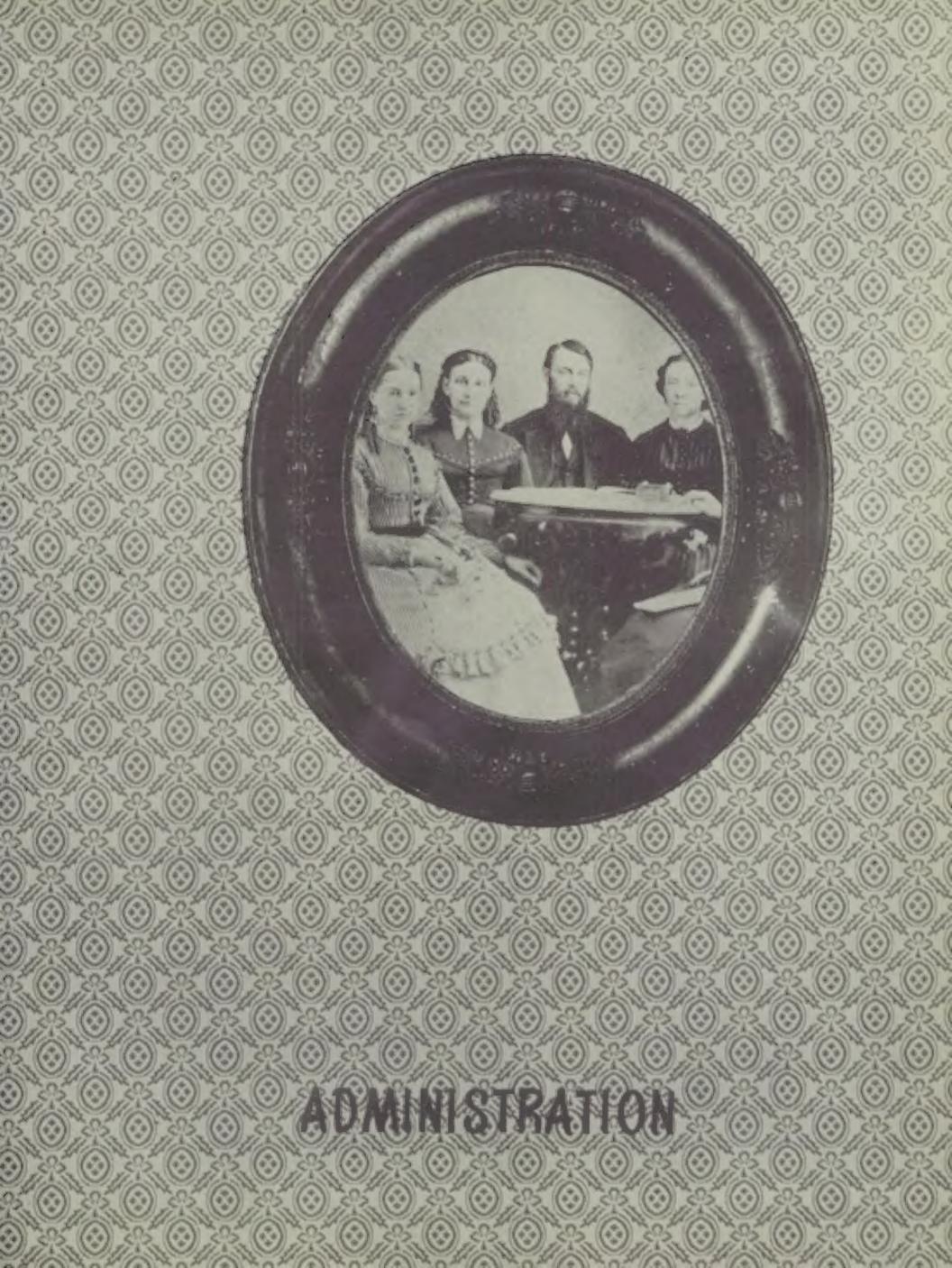
In 1877, there were six teachers in the north side and seven in the south side school. Wages ranged from fifteen dollars to one hundred and twenty two dollars a month. Henry J. Sherrill, principal of the north school, was recognized as an outstanding educator in the Northwest. In the main hall of B.H.S. hangs a plaque inscribed with his name and presented by those students of long

ago who could remember "Father Sherrill."

John Lawson, janitor in the south side school for the last quarter of the nineteenth century, was a familiar sight to school children and a much talked of personage. A former slave, he had run away during the Civil War to join the Union Army. Beloved by all, the duties of this brown skinned, white haired oldman, beloved by all, were to ring the tardy bells, keep the school clean, and the water pails filled.

The faculty has grown from six to well over thirty. Although a teacher three quarters of a century ago would have driven a high spirited mare instead of a Ford or a Buick, the same high pur-

poses prevail -- to teach and to serve in order that students may grow.



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



MR. FLOYD BRETT B.S., University of Illinois; M.S., University of Illinois.

For the students of Belvidere High School, Mr. Floyd Brett is not only director of the administrative staff of Community Unit School District 100, but also a friend who is well known for his devotion to and efforts in behalf of the high standards of our school system. None of us will soon forget his ready smile and keen sense of humor.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. William Grady, President

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mr. George Sisson is in charge of the running of the physical plant of our school system. One of his many jobs is to see that all children from the rural areas in Community Unity School District 100 are provided with transportation to and from school. He also supervises the purchase of supplies and is in charge of all building custodians. We are proud of his capable handling of the business affairs of the school.



OFFICE ASSISTANTS

Miss Donna Crawford Bookkeeper of Unit School District 100

Mrs. Loretta Irvine
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of Schools and Administrative
Assistant

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ADMINISTRATORS



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B.E., Illinois State Normal U.
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Senior Class Advisor.





MISS RUTH HARRIS

B. A., Augustana College; M. A.,

Northwestern University; Member

of Guidance Committee: Senior

Class Advisor.

It is Principal Vira I McA lister's understanding help that has forwarded our many school activities. He may always be depended upon to perform his duties to the best of his ability. Miss Rith Harris, Assistant Principal and Registrar, is known and beloved by all for her helpful counsel, for her ever ready smile, and friendliness to everyone she meets. The Class of 1952 extends its sincere thanks to Mr. McAllister and Miss Harris.

"Is it really that serious?"

"Just sign my initials--"



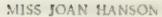
COMMERCE AND MATHEMATICS

MR. DARRELL DIGGINS

B.E., Whitewater State Teachers College: Shorthand: Typing; Bel-Hi News Advisor: Bookstore Manager.

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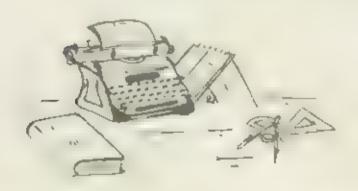
B.E., Whitwater State Teachers Collect; Shorthand;
Typing: Bel-Hi News Advisor.



B. A., Augustana College: Algebra: General Mathematics: Sophomore Class Advisor,

MRS. JOSEPH HARRISON

B A., Park College; M.A., University of Chicago; General Mathematics: Geometry: Advanced Algebra; Prigonometry: Freshman Clama, dvisor.



vyhat seems to be the trouble?"



"Man! Oh, man! Oh, Man!



ENGLISH



MISS DOROTHY BENNETT

B.A., Eureka College; B.E., Illinois State Normal University; M.A., University of Illinois; English I; English II; Junior Class Advisor.

MISS RUTH BOWMAN

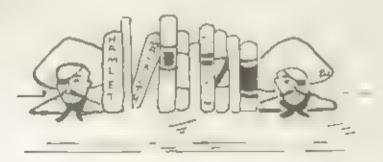
B ... Lawrence Colleg . M. A., Northwestern Uni-. English II; Speech; Semor Class Play Director,

MISS FRANCES LANGMO

B.S., Winona State Teachers College; English i; English III; Bel-Hi News Advisor; Freshman Class Advisor.

MRS. GERALD PARSONS

B.E., Eastern Illinois State Teachers College; M.S., University of Illinois; Contemporary Literature; English IV: Student Council Advisor; School Program Chairman,



"That's a noun, darling, not a verbl"

"What's that, my good fellow?"



MUSIC, ART AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE

MR. CHARLES HARNED

B.M., Illinois Wesleyan University; M.M.E., Vandercook School of Music; Director of Music, Unit School District 100; Instrumental Music; Band.

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B.A., Beloit College; Art Supervisor, Unit School

District too; Art.

MISS MINERVA BLACKBURN

B.A., University of Illinois; M.A., Northwestern
University; Latin; Spanish; Belvi Advisor.





"People might think you re crazy, but-

"Una frase completa, por favor."



PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SPEECH CORRECTION AND VISUAL AIDS



MR. JOE LEWIS

B.S., University of Missouri; Director of Athletics, Unit School District 100; B Club Advisor; Baseball; Freshman and Junior Varsity Basketball Coach; Physical Education.

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B. A., Elmhurst College; Speech Correctionist, Unit School District 100.

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B.E. Northern Illinois State Teachers College; Director, Audio-Visual Education, Unit School District 100: Instructor of Red Cross First Aid.



ts someone's pencil talking?"



SCIENCE AND LIBRARY

MR. WILBUR MONG

B. A., University of Illinois; Biology; Chemistry;

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8. S. in E., Northern Illinois State Teachers College;
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MRS. ALWILDA SELLERS

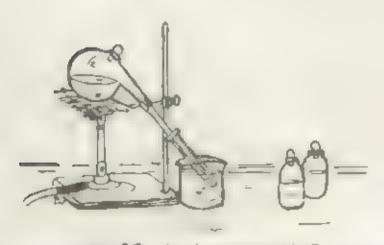
B.S., Knox College; Biology; Student Council Advisor.

MISS MARY ALICE SMITH

B.S. in L.S., University of Illinois; B.A., Monmouth

College; M.A., University of Illinois; Librarian,

Senior Class Auvisor.



"M2SO4 is absolutery N.G."



"Have you looked in the magazine list?"



SOCIAL STUDIES



MISS ROSALIE GILES

B.S., University of Wisconsin; World History; National Honor Society Advisor.

MISS RUTH HELLIGAS

B.S., University of Illinois; M.S., University of Illinois; American History; Debate Coach.

MR, BERNARD KNAUER

B.S., Northwestern University; M.A., Northwestern University; Social Problems; Current Problems; Varity Football; Varsity Track Coach; B Club Advisor; National Athletic Scholarship Society Advisor.

MR. STAN PATRICK

B.A., University of Illinois; Civics; Varsity Basket-ball; Varsity Golf; Varsity Tennis; Assistant Varsity Football Coach; National Athletic Scholarship Society Advisor.



"Grind a pound for me!"

"Democrat or Republican?"



VOCATIONAL ARTS

MISS MARY OWENS

8. S. in Economics, Northern Illinois State Teachers College; Home Economics 1, II, III; Junior Class Advisor; Homemaking Club Advisor.

MR. JAMES MEYERHOFER

B.S. in Education, Northern Illinois State Teachern College; Vocational Machine Shop; Industrial Arts; Industrial Arts Club Advisor.

MR, LYLE MOSS

B.E., Western Illinois State Teachers College: M.A., University of Illinois; Industrial Arts: Industrial Arts Club Advisor

MR. HARVEY D. SAFFORD

B.S., University of Illinois; Vocational Agriculture; Supervisor, Veterans' Vocational Training; F.F.A. Advisor.



"Now here s a concrete example



"After all my educatin"--"



THERE WERE FOUR CLASSES

"Sing me a song of high school days,
Now tell me which is best:
Freshman or Sophomore or Junior year,
Does the Senior year beat the rest?"

That the traditional rivalry among classes goes on whether the year is 1877 or 1952 is shown by these lines from the 1914 yearbook. Since the early days of B.H.S. the classes have been waging friendly war in a contest for supremacy. No one ever wins, but the battle of the egotists goes on year after year. Today our Homecoming and Booster Carnival campaigns perpetuate this rivary. In years past an annual affair was the flag rush, a contest among the classes which occasionally ended in a "free-for-all with rotten tomatoes thrown in for good measure.

Each class had yells, mottoes, and colors. The class of '14's colors were moroon and white, and their yell was, "Loop the Loop! Leap the gap! Fourteen's coming, get off the map!" The motto for the class of '25 was "Don't be a crank, be a self-starter," Interclass competition in athletics

brought another show of spirit.

Most of the time, then as now, classes worked together. They sympathized with one another through the agonies of study and classes. The curriculum in 1912 included Caesar, Zoology, Botany, Cicero, Virgii, German, French, Social Geometry, Sociology, and for seniors there was a semester course in Pedagogy. The only subjects which would not now be considered a part of our college preparatory course were Manual Training and one semester of Agriculture. An above ninety average placed a student on the honorroli, and there were twenty three colleges and universities that B.H.S. graduates could enter without taking entrance examinations.

The Class of 1912 gathered vital statistics to prove that getting an education is a tiresome task. They reckaned that during the previous four years, each senior had taken approximately three hundred steps between each class. This totaled seven blacks each week or eighty five miles a year. Their choice for president was Teady Roosevelt-first and last; and they were firmly united on the stand that women should not vote. In 1918 there were forty seven alumn; fighting in the war "over

there."

The junior-senior banquet dates back to the 1800's although the prom was a 20th century addition. Each year the senior play was a spectacular event with titles ranging from 'Come Out of the Kitchen" in 1926 to "The Lightwad in 1930. Our own choice for president is not so unon-imous, and our play is 'Our Miss Brooks. But the banquet, the prom, the interclass activities are enjoyed as fully as they were then. It's been that way ever since the first green freshmen walked into the school and said, "We are the class of '77."



STUDENTS

'52-WAY AHEAD

After four years of tough sledding, the seniors leave high school taking with them a certain breath of individuality which will never be found there again. Of course, we have not always been the picture of dignity and maturity. The title of our Variety Show presentation, 'Funny Business," which we put on as freshmen, proves this. During this year we chose Nancy Calder and Gene Rowe as our candidates for the football king and queen, and Jack Shattuck and Nancy Peterson for the Booster Carnival.

And then we were silly sophomores! This was the year that Community Unit School District 100 was formed and Mr. McAllister become our new principal. Our crass chose Bev Beecham as our calidate for the football queen. Bonnie Euckow and Harold Anderson represented us in the Booster Carnival.

Upper-classmen now, and feeling very proud! First we chose our class rings and as our colors, we agreed on maroon and white. Bonnie James and Don Fidder walked off with the football king and queen titles during Pep Week. The name of our float was, "We'll Shock Woodstock". Our Christmas decorations, which won first prize, made the main staitway look like "Santa's Workshop". As candidates for the Booster Carnival king and queen we chose Ray DeWane and Pat James. For the theme of the promiand banquet we chose "Romance of the Seas".

Our senior candidates for the Homecoming king and queen, Barbara Berry and Charles Cunningham, won, thereby starting off our year successfully. We decorated the front hallway at Christmas with a scene partraying a small girl praying for peace.

Now our four years of nigh school nave been completed. They have rewarded the class of 52" with countless memories and have prepared us well for many varied ways of life.

CLASS OFFICERS

Gerry Clausius. Gene Rowe				
Glen Hanson .				
Barbara Berry.				secretary





SENIORS

SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Bill Ahlberg
Miss Smith, advisor
Jane Hoffman, chairman
Jack Shattuck
Bob Bess
Phyllis Tengman
Pat James

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Kenny DeVine Mr. McAllister, advisor Charles Cunningham Joan Sheehan, chairman Bonnie James Beverly Beecham

PLAY COMMITTEE
Bill Gibson
June Sheeban
Barbara Schulte, chairman
Joel Otto
Jack Wolf

ANNOUNCEMENT COMMITTEE
Jerry McDonald
Nancy Peterson
Paul Hale
Bonnie Luckow
Pat Webber, chairman
Miss Hartis, advisor



MARILYN ACKERMAN

Basketball 2, 3; Tumbling 2, G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Candy Girl 3, Spring Revue 2, 4, Pirates of Penzance 1.

WILLIAM AHLBERG

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Class Social Committee 4; Student Council 3.

JERRY AINSWORTH

Basketball I: Pep Club 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4, Intramural Basketball 3,4; Intramural Volleyball 3,4; Spring Revue 2; Dance Band 3,4.

HAROLD ANDERSON

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; B Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Treasurer 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; National Athletic Scholarship Society 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2; Intramural Voileyball 1, 2. Booster Carnival King Candidate 2.













BURT ASHENS

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4: Industrial Arts Club 1, 2, 3, 4: Basket-ball 1; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Volley-ball 3.

REBECCA BARKER

Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; F. H. A. 4; A Cappella 2, 3, 4; Bel-Hi 4; Belvi Underclassman Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Chorus 1; Pirates of Penzance 1; Gym Assistant 2,

SEVERLY BLECHAM

Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tumbling 2; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4. Cheerleader 1, 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chonis 1, Ring Committee 3; Class Memorial Committee 4; Candy Girl 3; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pep Week Queen Candidate 2; Twirling 1, 2, 3, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1.

CLIFFORD BEHLING

Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 3, 4; Industrial Arts Club 3, 4; F.F.A, 1, 2; Intramutal Basketball 3, 4; Intramutal Volleyball 1, 3, 4.







LOIS BERGERON

Transferred from Kirkland High School (, F.H.A ..., Spring Revue 2, 4.

BARBARA LEE BERRY

Volleyball 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Class Secretary 4; Class Social Committee 2; Candy Girl 3; Student Council 1, 2, Bel-Hi 1, 2; Belvi Underclassman Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; H mecoming Queen 4; Variety Show 1; Pirates of Penzance 1

JAMES BERRYMAN

Transferred from Capron High School 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sentinel 3, Vice-President 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Intramural Volleyball 3, 4; Pep Club 4.

ROBERT BEST

Baskethall I; Class Social Committee 4; Bel-Hi I, 2; Intramural Voileyball 3; Pep Club I, 2, 3, 4,

KENNETH BIRSEN Football 3: Baseball 2: Pep Club 1, 2, 3: A Cappella 1, 2.

WILLIAM BLODGETT

Track 1, 2, 3, 4; B Club 2, 3, Pep Club 1, 2, Industrial Arts Club 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1; Intramural Basketball 2; Intramural Volleyball 3.

ALYCE BLUM

Volleyball 1, 2, 3: Basketball 1, 2, 3, \circ A A, 1, 2, 3, 4. F. H. A. 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 3; A Cappella : Candy Girl 3; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

ANNE BRADY

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Girls' Choros 1... Candy Girl 3; Belvi Photography Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4, Pirates of Penzance 1.



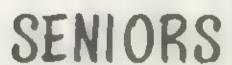
GEORGE BRUYN
Tennis 3; Football Manager 2, 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

NANCY CALDER

Volleybail 1, 2; Basketball 1; Tumbling 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club Advisory Board 4; Chorus I; Class Social Committee. Candy Girl 3; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pep Week Queen Candidate I; Pirates of Penzance 1.



JEAN CARLSON
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Revue 4.













MARJORIE CARLSON

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 3, 4; Class Secretary 3; Bel-Hi 4; Chorus 1; Pitates of Penzance

GERRY CLAUSIUS

Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4. Class President 4; Class Social Committee 2, 3; Prom Committee 3; Student Council 4; Intramutal Volleyball 3; Intramutal Baseball 3.

COLLEEN COOMBES

Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 3; Tumbling 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Pep Club Advisory Board 4; Chorus 1; Ring Committee 3; Candy Girl 3; Student Council 1, 2; Bel-Hi 2, 3, 4; Belvi Photography Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Variety Show 1; Pirates of Penzance 1.

JAY CORDRAY

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Industrial Arts Club 2, 3, 4, F. F. A. 1.



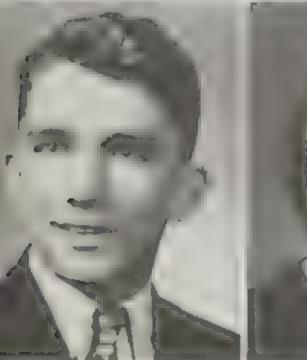
ANNE CRAWFORD

Pep Club 3, 4; Library Club 1; Chorus 1; Spring Revue 4;

Pirates of Penzance 1

JAMES CRAWFORD

Pep Club 1, 2, 3; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramutal Basketball





GORDON CULVER

Basketball 1; A Cappella 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3; Intramural Volleyball 1, 2, 5

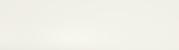
F. H. A. 3, 4; Spring Revue 4.

CHARLES CUNNINGHAM

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Baseball 2, 3; B Club 1, . 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Social Committee 1; Ring Committee 3; Class Memorial Committee 4; Student Council 2; Intramural Basketball 1; Homecoming King 4.

BETTY DeSONIA

Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4. Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Candy Gitl 3; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1.



KENNETH DeVINE

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketbal ; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; B Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Memorial Committee 4; Intramural Basketball 1; Intramural Volleyball 1.

RAYMOND DeWANE

Football I. 2. 3. 4: Co-Captain 2: Basketball I. 2. 3. 4: Most Valuable Player 2: Baseball 1. 2. 3. 4: B Club 1. 2. 3. 4. Vice-President 4: National Athletic Scholarship Society 3. 4: Student Council 4. President 4: Bel-Hi 4: Booster Carnival King Candidate 3: Pep Club 1. 2. 3. 4: Pep Week King Candidate 2.









DOROTHY DUMMER F.H.A. 3; Spring Revue 4.

ROBERT EDLUND

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Sentinel 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4, Intramural Volleyball 2, 3, 4.



LOIS EDMISON
Volleyball 1; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Chorus 1; Girls Chorus 2, 3, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1.













DONALD FIDDER

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Most Valuable Player B Club 2, 3, 4. Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4. President 4; F.F. A. 1, 2 Class Vice-President 3; Intramural Basketball 1; Pep Week King 3.

JAN FISH

Football 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Intramural Volleyball 2, 3, 4.

ALYCE FOOTE

Transferred from Capron High School 1; F. H. A. 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Spring Revue 4.

RUTH FROEHLICH

Transferred from Wonewoo High School 4: G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; Girls' Chorus 2, 3; Spring Revue 4.



BARBARA FRY

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Bel-Hi 4; Spring

Revue 2,4.

WILLIAM GIBSON

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager 1, 2, Pep Club 3; Class Vice-President 2; Class Play Committee 4; Baseball Captain 3; Spring Revue 2.

GENEVA GOETZ
G.A.A. 4; Pep Club 4; F.H.A. 4; Bel-Hi 4; Spring Revue
4.

WILLIAM GORHAM Industrial Arts Club 2, 3, 4,



Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Announcement Committee 4; Intramural Basketball 3; Intramural Volleyball

GLEN HANSON







Football 2, 3, 4; Track 3; B Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3; Industrial Arts Club 1, 2, 3.

DAVID HEINZ

Football 1.2; Basketball 1; Baseball 1; Tennis 2, 3, 4, Basketball Manager 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Voileyball 3, 4





DONNA HELLER

Volleyball 2, 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Social Committee 4, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1; Class Social Committee 1; Candy Girl 3; Student Council 3, 4, Bel-Hi 3, 4, Page Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Chairman of Student Council Financial Committee 4.

WENDELL HENNINGER
Pep Club 1,2,3,4, F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Spring Revue 2.











SENIORS

HAROLD HOBBS

Football 1, 2, 3, Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Revue 2

JANE HOFFMAN

Volleyball 1, 2, 3, G.A.A. ..., 3, 4, Sophomore Assistant 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3; Library Club 1, 2, 3, Secretary and Treasurer 3; Class Secretary 2; Class Social Committee 1, 3, 4, Chairman 4; Prom Committee 3; Candy Girl 3, Student Council 2, 3, Treasurer 3 Bel-Hi 4; Feature Editor 4, Belvi Sports Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Gym Assistant 3, 4; Zvol ir Memorial Award 3, Varnety Show 1; Pep Club Advisory Board 4.

DAVID JAMES HORTON

Frack Manager 1,8 Club 4; Pep Club 1, ..., 4, Industrial Arts Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Intramoral Basketball 3,

JOAN HUMPHRY

Basketball 3, G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; S. cial Committee 3, Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, A. Cappella 2, 3, Ring Committee 3; Candy Girl 3; Bel-Hi 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Chorus 1; Pirates of Penzance 1.



FRANCES JACOBSEN

Basketball 2, 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H.A. 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Chorus 1; Pirates of Penzance 1.

BONNIE JAMES

Volleyball 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tumbling 2, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Advisory Board 4; Class Memorial Committee 4; Candy Girl 3; Student Council 1, 2; Bel-Hi 1, 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Chorus 1; Pirates of Penzance 1; Pep Week Queen 3.

PATRICIA JAMES

Volleyball 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tumbling 2, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Committee 2; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Advisory Board 4; Class Social Committee 4; Candy Girl 3; Bel-Hi 1, 4; Belvi Senior Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Chorus 1; Pirates of Penzance 1; Gym Assistant 4; Booster Carnival Queen Candidate 3.

DONALD JOHANNES

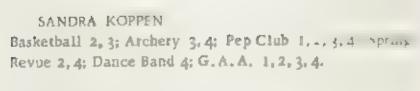
Football 1.2, 3.4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; B Club 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 1.

ROBERT KELLY
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basket-ball 3.

LILA KNUTSON

Volleyball 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3; Tumbling 2; G.A.A. I, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 4; Bel-Hi 4; Spring Revue 2, 4.





FRANK LANG Industrial Arts Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1,





PATRICIA LEWIS

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Committee 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella 3, 4; Candy Girl 3; Belvi Sports Editor 4, Spring Revue 2, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1; Variety Show 1.

BONNIE LUCKOW

Volleyball 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Tumbling 1, 2; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4, Social Committee 2; Cheerleader 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 3, President 3; Chorus 1; Announcement Committee 4; Candy Girl 3; Student Council 1; Reporter 1; Spring Revue 2, 4; Bel-Hi 3, 4, Booster Camival Queen Candidate 2; Pirates of Penzance 1; Variety Show 1.

WILLIAM LUHMAN

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4: Advisory Board 4: Band 1, 2: A Cappella 4: Class Social Committee 2: Sweater Committee 3. Bel-Hi 2, 3, 4: Make-Up Editor 3, 4: Belvi Copy Editor 4: Debate 2, 3, 4: Spring Revue 2: Variety Show 1.









SENIORS

GERALD McDONALD

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 3; Announcement Committee 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Bel-Ht 3; Belvi Editor 4; Debate 3; Variety Show 1.

CAROL MARSHALL

Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Committee 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Mantle 3; Chorus 1; A Cappella 2, 3, 4, President 4; Class Social Committee 2; Candy Girl 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 3, 4, Student Council 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Bel-Hi 1, 2, 3; News Editor 3; Belvi Faculty Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4.

ROMELLE MILLER

Volleyball 2; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 3; Chorus 1; Girls' Chorus 2; A Cappella 3, 4; Chori Council 4; Sweater Committee 3; Candy Girl 3; Belvi Janior Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1.

DORIS MOORE

Volleyball 1, 2, 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Committee 1, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Candy Girl 3; Student Council 4; Bel-Hi 2, 3; Belvi Junior Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4.



MARILYN NELSON

DARLENE NEUFER

G A.A. 1.2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Candy Girl 3; Bel-Hi 1, 3, 4; Spring Revue 2, 4.

DELPHINE NEUFER

Volleyball 2; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 3, 4; Chorus 1; Candy Girl 3; Spring Revue 2, 4.

CAROL NORWOOD

G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Revue 2, 4.

BETTY OLSEN

G.A.A. 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; F.H.A. 3; Girls' Chorus 4. Treasurer 4; A Cappella 1, 2; Class Secretary 1; Candy Girl 3; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1.

JOEL OTTO

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 2; A-Cappella 3, 4; Play Committee 4; Candy Girl 3; Belvi Copy Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1; Chorus 1.

MARY ELLEN PETERS

G.A.A. 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3; A Cappella 2, 3, 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1; Chorus 1.

NANCY PETERSON

Basketball 1, 2, 3: G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4. Secretary 4: Girls' Chorus 2: Announcement Committee 4; Candy Girl 3; Spring Revue 2, 4; Booster Carnival Queen Candidate 1.

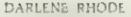


MARIORIE PORTER

Volleyball 3; Basketball 1,2; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 2,3,4, Social Committee 3, President 4; Girls' Chorus 1,2; Candy Girl 3; Belvi Senior Editor 4, Spring Revue 2,4; Pirates of Penzance 1; Gym Assistant 3.

RICHARD POULTON

Football 1; Baseball Manager 1, 2, B Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Industrial Arts Club 1, 2, 3, Class Social Committee 3; Prom Committee 3; Intramural Basketball 1, 2; Intramural Volleyball 2, 3; Spring Revue 2.



Volleyball 1, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 2, 4; Candy Girl 3; Student Council 2; Bel-Hi 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Chorus 1; Pirates of Penzance 1.











SENIORS

JAMES RIVERS

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3; Industrial Arts Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3, Treasuret 4; Band 1; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

GENE ROWE

Football 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Class Vice-President 1, 4; Ring Committee 3; National Athletic Scholarship Society 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 1; Intramural Volleyball 1; Pep Week King Candidate 1, 2; B Club 2, 3, 4.

ALICE SCHAFMAN

G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 4; Spring Revue 2, 4.

JOSEPH SCHMID

Transferred from Oberrealschule an der Frühlingstrasse, Munich, Germany 4; Track 2, 3; Tennis 3; Student Council Vice-President 2, 3; GYA Harlaching (Tennis and Recreation); TSV Munich (Track); Alpen Club Aichach (Mountain Club).



BARBARA SCHULTE

Volleyball 1: Basketball 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Junior Assistant 3. Secretary-Treasurer 4: Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1: A Cappella 2, 3; Class Social Committee Chairman 1, 2, 3; Prom Committee Chairman 3; Play Committee Chairman 4; Candy Girl 3; Bel-Hi 2, 3, 4; Belvi Faculty Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Variety Show 1; Pirates of Penzance 1.

VIOLET SCHULTZ
G.A.A. 1: F.H.A. 3, 4: Pep Club 3.

MARY LOU SCHWEBKE

Transferred from Capron High School 1; Pep Club 2, 3, 4;

F. H. A. 3, 4; Spring Revue 2, 4.

JACK SHATTUCK

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 2; Frack 1, 2, 3; Baseball 4; B Club 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Social Committee 2, 4; Sweater Committee 3; National Athletic Scholarship Society 3, 4; Student Council 1; Intramural Basketball 1; Intramural Volleyball 1, 2; Booster Carnival King Candidate 1; Variety Show 1.

JOAN SHEFHAN

Basketball 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Committee 3; F. H. A. 2; Chorus 1; A Cappella 2, 3; Class Social Committee 3; Prom Committee 3; Memorial Committee 4 Candy Girl 3; Bel-Hi 1, 2, 3, 4; Circulation Manager 3, 4; Belvi Business Manager 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Variety Show 1; Pirates of Penzance 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

JUNE SHEEHAN

Basketball 1, 2, 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Social Committee 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella 3; Class Social Committee 3; Prom Committee 3; Play Committee 4; Candy Girl 3; Bel-Hi 1, 2, 3, 4; Circulation Manager 3, 4; Belvi Business Manager 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1.



GEORGE SHULL

Transferred from DeKalb High School 4; F. F. A. 1, 2; latramural Volleyball 3.

KARL SIMON

Transferred from Stadtsche Handelsschule, Amberg, Germany, 4; Sports Club; Chess Club; Boy Scouts.





JAMES SMILEY

Industrial Arts Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Pep Club 2, , 4.

ROY SMILFY

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Tennis 3; B Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Industrial Arts Club 1, 2, 3; Intramural Basketball 1; Intramural Volleyball 1, 2; Spring Revue 2.

DONNA SMITH

Volleyball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tumbling 1; Atchery 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Committee 2; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Candy Girl 3; Bel-Hi 1, 2, 3, 4; Belvi Organization Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1; Variety Show 1.

PATRICIA STARR

Tumbling 3: G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 4, 4, Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Candy Girl 3; Bel-Hi 4; Belvi Underclassica 1 Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Twirling 1, 2, 3, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1; Chorus 1.

















WAYNE STERN

Football 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Basketball Manager 2; B Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Intramural Volleyball 3, 4; Spring Revue 2.

BARBARA STOKES

G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4, Library Club 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Bel-Hi 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pirates of Penzance

ESTHER STOREY

Volfeyball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tumbling 2; G. A. A 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4, Reporter 3, 4, Social Committee Chairman 4; Chorus 1; Candy Girl 3; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1.

DONALD STREIT

Football 2, 3: Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.



ERMA STROUD

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Candy Girl 3; Spring Revue 2, 4; Pirates of Penzance 1.

DANNY SULLIVAN

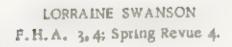
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 2, 3; B Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 1; Spring Revue

PAULINE SUNDEN

Pep Club 4; F.H.A. 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Pirates of Penzauce 1.

CLARENCE SWANSON

Football 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; B Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Pep Club 2, 3, Secretary 3; Class President 2; Class Social Committee 3; Prom Committee 3; National Honor Society 3; National Athletic Scholarship Society 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, Treasurer 2; Intramural Basketball 1, 2



PHYLLIS TENGMAN

Volleyball 2; Basketball 2, 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2; Class Social Committee 4; Candy Girl 3; Bel-Hi 2, 3, 4; Assistant Advertising Manager 3; Advertising Manager 4; Belvi Underclassman Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Gym Assistant 4.

BETTY VAUGHN

Transferred from Juda, Wisconsin High School 2; G.A.A. I.2; F.H.A. 1,2; Girls' Chorus 1; Pep Club 3, 4.

PATRICIA WEBBER

Basketball 2, 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; A Cappella 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; Announcement Committee 4; Candy Girl 3; Belvi Art Editor 4; Pirates of Penzance 1; Gym Assistant 2, 3, 4; Spring Revue 4.









ALLEN WELIN
Pep Club 1, 2, 3; Spring Revue 2.

BEVERLY WEST

Transferred from Mazon High School 2; Volleyball 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; F. H.A. 1,2; Library Club 4; Girls' Chorus 1,2; Class President 2; Student Council 3; Bel-Hi 4; Spring Revue 2,4.



Football 1, 2; Industrial Arts Club 3; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Intramural Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4.













SENIORS

ARDITH WHITING

Basketball 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Committee 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; A Cappella 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4, Class Treasurer 1; Candy Girl 3; Student Council 4, Secretary 4; Bel-Hi 1, 2, 3, 4; News Page Editor 4; Belvi Photography Editor 4; Spring Revue 2, 4; Variety Show 1; Chorus 1; Pirates of Penzance 1.

JACK WOLF

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 3; Baseball 2; Tennis 2; B Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Industrial Arts Club 2, 3, 4; Class Social Committee 1; Play Committee 4; Bel-Hi Cattoonist 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 1; Spring Revue 2; Variety Show 1.

JEROME WOODARD

Football 1, 2, 4, Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3; Tennis 3, 4; B Club 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2; Class Social Committee 3; Prom Committee 3; Intramural Basketball 1.

DONALD ZIERKE

Football 1; Track 2; Golf 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Industrial Arts Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Variety Show 1; Intramutal Basketball 2.

'53-NOT FAR BEHIND

Picking up speed this year in the homecoming king and queen race, was the junior class with Marilyn Wirth and Don Barnum as contenders for the royal crown. Spurred on by their officers, Marion Giesecke, Dick Schlottman, Ron Dunbar, Bill Bauer, and social chairman, Chuck Kleber, they showed B.H.S. a spirited campaign.

Early in the year rings and sweaters were chosen for the class of '53. Their sweaters are navy blue with white numerals. The rings chosen are destinctive in that this was the first year they had no stone sets. These rings offer a contrast of black enamel on yellow, rose and white gold.

For the Christmas decoration contest, a theme of "White Christmas" was carried out with appropriate scenes pictured on the showcase windows in the upper hall.

Candy, paper, and pencils were on sale all year as the major project of the junior candy girls.

Advised by Miss Owens and Miss Bennett these girls earned money to pay for the junior-senior prom. This annual event sponsored by the juniors in honor of the graduating class was the climax of a year's work for the junior class and a gala affair for all.

Their second year found Janet Brown and Howard Persson representing this class during Pep Week. At Booster Carnival time the headlines read: "Sophomores Crown Candidates" and Queen Carol Neufer and King Jim Coleman became the royal couple of B.H.S. This marked their second consecutive victory in this cantest and put another feather in the class of '53's cap.

In 1949, Eileen Kiefer was their football queen candidate. In the spring of 1950, Sue McCoy and Ron Helsdon were crowned king and queen of the Booster Carnival, a rare honor for a freshman class.

Having already contributed much to Belvidere in the fields of scholarship, athletics, and school activities, the class of '53 now steps into the role of seniors and leaders of their school.

CLASS OFFICERS





Harold Albrecht Harry Albrecht Kenneth Albrecht Bob Anderson Donna Arand Jerry Armbruster

Marie Ashley Stephen Barney Donald Barnum Doris Bartell William Bauer

JUNIOR

Patricia Bergman Darlene Blake Arthur Boettcher Carol Boettcher Janet Boettcher

SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Kenneth Albrecht
James Coleman
Miss Owens, advisor
Charles Kleber, chairman
Joanne Wensky
Marilyn Wirth
Barbara Huck
Barbara Luhman
Doris Crone

Jeanne Bottcher Mary Boyer Anita Brooks Janet Brown

Sandra Bruce Barbara Buhl Shirley Builte William Carlson Ronald Carlton

James Coleman Fred Craig Barbara Crawford Joan Crawford Bruce Cregeen

Doris Crone
Shirley Dague
Beverly Dawson
Norman Derix
Donna DeYoung
Kenneth Dittbenner

Shirley Dodson Ronald Dunbar Eugene Eicksteadt Marjorie Eklund Richard Elliott Frances Ferguson

> Ruth Finders Phyllis Frazer Marion Giesecke Joanne Giusti Delores Goetz

CLASS

George Graves
Donald Gustafson
Lester Guthrie
Shirley Haffenden
Shirley Halverson

RING COMMITTEE
Gordon Tangman
Richard Elliott
Jack Ryder
Sandra Julin
Shirley Miller, chairman

SWEATER COMMITTEE Joanne Giusti, chairman Richard Saley Shirley Turner

Carol Hart Louise Hart Ronald Helsdon Boyd Hill

Barbara Huck Janice Hyde Art Hyland Robert Jacobson Margaret James

Gerald Jensen
Jerry Johannes
Shirley Johanningsmeier
Don Johnson
Gordon Johnson

Judith Johnson
Betty Jones
Sandra Julin
Wayne Kaltenbach
Donald Karr
Eileen Kiefer





Charles Kleber Edward Klein Donna Kline Gerald Knox Dorothy Kaplin Joan LaBuy

Boyd Larson Yvonne Levoy Kenneth Luckow Barbara Luhman Franklin Lyford

JUNIOR

Sue McCoy Beverly McGee Carol Mackeben Donald Menge Robert Meyers

32 Candy Girls 450 Lang Hours 725 Dollars

Miss Bennett, advisor

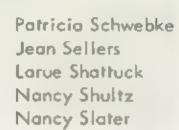
Roberta Meyers Shirley Miller Donald Morehead Patricia Morris

Elizabeth Mulholland Nancy Nash Carole Neufer Marlene Nevel Max Newport

Earl Nordmeyer
Donald Norwood
Wilbur Nutt
Frank Payton
John Pearse

Howard Persson
Bill Prescott
James Pribble
Harold Rands
Joyce Rewoldt
Patricia Rydbom

Jack Ryder
Richard Saley
Harold Scherer
Charles Scherring
Dick Schlottman
Jacqueline Schnor



CLASS

Patricia Smith Virginia Smith William Smith Richard Snider Francis Steinke

Banquet
Dance
Super-duper Prom

James Stephenson Mary Stevens Roberta Stone Gordon Tangman

Shirley Tessman Sharon Thayer Shirley Turner Frank Turrell Marjorie Wahl

Gordon Wait Georgiabelle Walley Carl Warner Joanne Wensky Gerald Whalen Lester Wheeler

Dick Whitehead Betty Williams Bob Willis Marilyn Wirth Roberta Wright Jerry Young



'54-COASTING ALONG

Pedalling up hill for two years is no easy task, but the sophomores have reached the half-way mark, the crest of the hill of their high school journey. Up on top of the hill and looking back, it seems that only yesterday this sophomore crass entered Belvidere High School tense and afraid as all freshmen are. And here they are now, all set to become juniors, upperclassmen, no less.

During the early part of their second year in high school, these sophomores chose Bernie Craig, Dave Hull, Dick Johnson, and Shirley Barnum as their class officers. When it came time for the Homecoming race for the king and queen titles, the sophomores entered George Elliott and Terry Phillips. Their Christmas decorations were based on the Hymn, "Adeste Fideles", including a church, angels, and carolers. They not only added a very festive note to the study hall, but also deservedly won first prize.

Last year this class, as freshmen, also brightened our school with memories, which we and they will never forget. Their first Pep Week candidates, out to win the titles of king and queen, were Mary Lou Nettleton and Foster Lampert. At Christmas time, they decorated the entrance with angels depicting the carol, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." As candidates for king and queen of the Booster Carnival this ga-getting class chose Bernie Craig and Audrey Pundt.

As future upper-classmen, the class of '54 has the responsibility of setting new and good examples for the classes to come. They have an excellent start, and we wish them the best of luck in their years to come at Belvidere High School.

CLASS OFFICERS

Bernie Craig president
Dick Johnson treasurer
Shirley Barnum . . vice-president





Carol Ahlberg Barbara Allen Leland Anderson Norris Anderson Alice Artlip

Helen Avery Audrey Aves Carolyn Axelson Robert Bahling Lois Barnum

Shirley Barnum Clyde Basler Hazel Behnke Gail Bennett Norma Bottcher

SOPHOMORE CLASS



Fern Borgmann Dwight Bounds Barbara Bowley Verda Boyer Linda Brehmer

SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Miss Hanson, advisor
Mary Jane Sullivan
Mrs. Ryan, advisor
Gordon Hammond
Marion Van Epps
Fred Shook
Carol Wheeler, chairman

Nyla Brooks
Mary Brown
Velora Bunger
Vernon Burnell
Ronald Borroughs
Robert Carpenter

Bonnie Carter Maureen Cole Reeta Cowger Emmetf Craig Ada Jane Daer Wayne Daring
Jim DeSonia
Dale Dittbenner
Dennis Dorn
Wanda Edlund

Beverly Eicksteadt George Elliott Leland Elliott Leonard Emanuel Clifford Erickson

Denise Federici Loren Fletz Lowell Feltz Patricia Frazer George Garrigan



SOPHOMORE CLASS

Barbara Glaser Virginia Glass Gerald Graf Tom Grant Donna Grimes

HONOR STUDENTS
Bob Tomlinson
Mary Jane Otto
Janet Pineger
Marion Van Epps
Ada Jane Daer
David Hull
Linda Brehmer
Carol Wheeler

Bob Gritzmacher
Joan Gustafson
Arlene Hagen
Virgil Hale
Virginia Hale
Gordon Hammond

Patsy Hammond Jim Hanson Larry Hart Delores Hayenga Douglas Heinz





Ann Ginette Hendrickson Lee Holliston David Hull Ruby Jewell Sylvia Johannes

Owen Johnson Richard Johnson Cecil Kinkade Ruth Klein Foster Lambert

Mary Landphere Luanne Larson Phyllis Leinbach Paul Lightner Roger Lindaas

SOPHOMORE CLASS



Pat McDonald Barbara Mahle Joyce Majempsey Jim Martin Beverly Meckley

Nancy Melson Kay Miles Beatrice Millard Robert Mills John Moan

Marylou Nettleton Marilyn Neufer Darlene Nordmeyer Donald Olson Mary Jane Otto

Philip Paulson Terry Phillips Janet Pineger Audrey Pundt Sandra Rippentrop

Paul Roberts
Jonice Robertson
Allen Rogers
'Way back when--

Marie Rose Delores Sawyer Carol Schafman Ronald Schmidt Ruth Schnor

Mary Schrader Wendell Schwebke William Schwebke Laura Sears Nancy Shappert

Fred Shook Norma Shook William Short Paul Snider Jean Soderberg



SOPHOMORE CLASS

Mary Starr Mary Sullivan Laura Swanson James Taft Lavonne Taft

Laverne Taft Richard Thorton Bob Tomlinson Ronald Turner Claudette Uting

Marion Van Epps Rosemary Vaughn Nancy Waalewyn Bill Wagner Richard Walters

Ira Ward Carol Wheeler Donald Whitchurch Shirley White Helen Wilson

We were young and gay Joan Wirth Clark Wylde Shirley Yerk



'55-GETTING STARTED

The old surrey with the fringe on top" usually traveled a slow and bumpy road. Just as the horse and buggy had to move over to let the noisy, puffing auto pass, so do the freshmen have to give in sometimes to the bust ingupper classmen who dash through the halls of B.H.S. But a eisurely mode of transportation does have its compensations, for to be a freshman is to have happiness itself; although few freshmen realize this. But what freshman will ever forget that first day at high school when he stood in line for hours, trembling and shaking, waiting for books, locks, locker assignments, and class schedules? He thought of the many stories upper classmen had told him and looked in vain for the elevators. Eventually he came to a kind teacher who showed him the stairway and directed him to Room 301

Then came the first day of classes. Where did they hide Room 101? Then all was quiet; but not for long, for it was time to choose class officers. After much consideration, Mike Morris, Sandra Rhodes, John Kleber, and Jim Schultz were chosen. Skillfully guiding the freshman class during their first year in high school were Miss Langmo and Mrs. Harrison.

Soon it was time to select candidates to reign over the Homecoming. These freshmen choose Joyce Schulte and Allen Fidder.

As Christmas time drew near the freshmen used the theme, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" in decorating the main stairway. Each day during this season, as they entered the front door, the students and faculty were merrily greeted by Santa Claus and the Baby New Year.

So far the Class of '55 has given its share of laughter, grins, and giggles to B.H.S. They have three more years to keep on proving their worth, and we hope that they will acquire more knowledge, and pleasant memories in the years to come.

CLASS OFFICERS

Sandra Rhodes secretary Mike Morris president John Kleber . . . vice-president Jim Schultz treasurer





Janice Ackerman Shirley Ainsworth Bruce Aim Barbara Anderson Dale Anderson Marlys Anderson

Fony Ashens
Patsy Askin
Robert Bann
Jean Barker
James Bates
Wayne Bauman

Harold Behling Gail Bergstrom Richard Berman Rebecca Berryman James Bicksler Anna May Billman

FRESHMAN CLASS



Carol Birsen
David Blake
Ruth Blake
Lloyd Blunt
Patricia Bottcher
Norma Bounds

SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Mrs. Harrison, advisor
Jerry Larson
Don Fair
Noel Kenyon
Hilary Hartter
Miss Langmo, advisor
Mary Brady, chairman
Rose Koplin

Mary Brady
Darwin Brenbarger
Richard Burton
Nancy Butz
Nancy Cain
Jane Carlson

Lois Carlson
Roger Carlton
Keith Catron
David Chesemore
Betty Christiansen
Ronald Concialdi

Thomas Conwell
Sareta Cowger
Myrna Crawford
Margaret Davies
Donald Day
Patricia DeSonia

Donald DeVine
Dean Dorn
Robert Dummer
Alice Eddy
Amelia Ede
Sharon Ehlert

Audrey Eicksteadt Jim Elliott Beverly Englund Dale Everson Don Fair Dick Fairgrieves

Ruby Farei Donald Fassett Allen Feltz Jack Ferry Allen Fidder Carol Fitzgerald



FRESHMAN CLASS

Richard Foote Shirley Fry Winifred Fulton Duane Gilliland Paul Gilman William Gooder

HONOR STUDENTS
Anna May Billman
Adele Sellers
Patty Peterson
James McLean
Ruth Ann Blake
Joyce Schulte
John Kleber
Gail Bergstrom
Jacqueline Kruit
David James
Donald Fair

Elizabeth Graham Tad Graves Darlene Greenhow Don Grimes Rollan Grimes Ronald Grimes

David Grimm
Donna Gritzmacher
Robert Guisti
Richard Gustafson
Barbara Haley
Russell Hanson

Arlys Hartman
Hilary Hartter
Beverly Hawkey
Mildred Hess
Clyde Hill
Lucille Hinds





Joe Hobbs
Nancy Holtfreter
Richard Holtfreter
Robert Holtfreter
Robert Horton
Charles Huck

Gordon Huff Wesley Hyland Marilyn Hyser Carol Jaffray David James Roger Johnson

Nancy Jones
Thomas Jones
John Kaske
Nancy Keating
Noel Kenyon
Sandra Kingsbury

FRESHMAN CLASS



John Kleber
Rose Koplin
Jacqueline Kruit
Jerry Kunde
Carol LaBuy
Nancy Lane

Doris Larson
Jerry Larson
John Larson
Marlene Larson
Johnny Laurent
Patricia Leggett

Carl Lindaas
Gordon Luckow
Alice Lyons
Dale Lyons
Charles McGivern
James McLean

Esther Maitland Robert Malisch Velda Meyers Mary Mickey Lloyd Morris Glenda Moore

William Newport
Laurel Ollman
Olaf Olsen
Kenneth Parker
Dax Payne
Patricia Peterson

Sherry Peterson
William Peterson
Arthur Phoenix
Ethel Prather
Ronald Rands
Doris Rewoldt

Sandra Rhodes
Vernon Rhodes
Lillian Roberts
Gordon Rubeck
Ruth Ryan
John Schnor

Betty School
Joyce Schulte
James Schultz
Donald Schumacher
Vernon Schwebke
Adele Sellers



FRESHMAN CLASS

Charles Shacklee George Shearer Donald Smith James Smith Ruth Stern Melvin Storey

Marion Stouffer Beverly Stroud Barbara Summers Sally Swanson Joyce Taft James Thayer

Marvin Tomberg Robert Tripp Gilbert Turner Sue Von Zuben Beverly Warner Wilma Wascher

Evelyn Waser
Patricia Wenzel
Elsie West
Leona White
Beverly Whitney
Fredrick Whitney

Sandra Wilcox George Williams Janet Wimberly Tammy Woodard Allen Zierke Joyce Zimmer



WITH SCHOLARS FOR STUDENTS

A square of faded paper, tattered around the edges, but carefully preserved, still bears these words:

Graduating Exercises
Belvidere High Schools
In Union Hall

Thursday Evening, June 21st., 1877.

Nine students carried home diplomas that Thursday night, the symbol of four years of study High school diplomas seventy-five years ago were awarded to comparatively few students. A freshmanic ass of twenty often dwindled to a senior class of seven or eight. As our nation, our town, and our school system developed, the number of high school students has grown increasingly larger.

Inrough the years there has grown a method of paying special tribute to those students who display outstanding traits of character, leadership, scholarship, and service. The honor row, as well as the titles of valedictorian and salutatorian, is an award for high scholarship datainment. The National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, and National Athletic Scholarship Society all honor groups of autstanding students. To deserving individuals go the Zvonar Memorial, Huck Award,

D.A.R. Award, and The Mantle.

The Mantle, one of B H.S 's oldest traditional honors, was first presented to Dora Sipple, a member of the class of 1908. Bestowed upon her in recognition of herhigh records of attainment, it has ever since been the greatest honor a junior may receive. Those who have received the Mant e are Dora Sipple (Mrs. John Fovel), 1908, Alice Loy (Mrs. Ciark Howard), 1909, Omor McDougal, 1910, Potter Sabin, 1911, Haro d Swift, 1912; Burton Wright, 1913; Oliver Perry, 1914, Guerdon Laing, 1915, Hazel Pratt (Mrs. C.W. Goeke), 1916; Bertha Melzer (Mrs. Frank Zorzie), 1917, Howard Sexauer, 1918, Alfred Gilman, 1919, Robert Fry, 1920, Gerard Dwyer, 1921; Frank We d, 1922, Florence Smith (Mrs. Floyd Lobdell), 1923; Edna Carpenter (Mrs. Bill Porter), 1924, George Turner, 1925, Russen Dymond, 1926, Ruth Crawford (Mrs. A.H. Gadient), 1927, Charles Shattuck, 1928, Irving Schandelmeier, 1929, Don Grimm, 1930; Genevieve Davey, 1931; Wesley Munger, 1932, Beth Herbert (Mrs. Haro d Luhman), 1933, Wilbur Strawn, 1934; William Bradley, 1935, Guy Wickwire, 1936, Doris Hogard (Mrs. Gienn Coriett), 1937, Richard Law, 1938, Donald Woods, 1939, Beth Sisson (Mrs. Walter Brewer), 1940; Robert Funderburg, 1941; Ruth Caldweil (Mrs. W.H. McKellin) 1942, Robert Wright, 1943; Ann Duenbostle (Mrs. J. G. Eriksen), 1944; Marcia Laing (Mrs. John Crocker), 1945, Edwin Wright and Roger Wright, 1946, Dorothy Blackledge, 1947, Ron Hood, 1948, LaVonna Murphy (Mrs. Marvin Petersen), 1949; Carol Nelson, 1950; Galey Shappert, 1951; Carol Marshall, 1952.

Thus, B.H.S. has honored its students. Leaving high school to become parents and grandparents, doctors, and teachers, they have in turn honored B.H.S. They, who today receive these honors, have a responsibility to fu fill, the responsibility of living up to those high ideals which have been

fostered by years of tradition and by all the graduates of B.H.S.



HONORS

OUR MOST HONORED



MARILYN NELSON Valedictorian



GERALD McDONALD
Salutatorian

The Valedictorian is the student in the graduating class who has earned the highest grade average for his four years in high school. This honor is proof of the student's superior ability, diligence, and intelligence. We feel proud of our class of '52 Valedictorian.



The Salutatorian is the student who ranks second in scholastic achievement in his class. He is chosen for the high grade average he has maintained during his four years in high school. He represents the highest type of student to be graduated from Belvidere High School.

MANTLE AND D.A.R. AWARD

Carol Marshall has been honored with both the Mantle and the D.A.R. award. The Mantle, the highest award any junior can receive, is given an Class Day to a student excelling in scholarship, leadership, character, and service to his school.

Superior citizenship, high scholarship, outstanding leadership, and excellent character determine the recipient of the award granted by the Daughters of the American Revolution. This is given yearly to a senior girl who is chosen by her classmates and the faculty.

Seldom is one student selected to receive both honors. We, the class of '52, are proud to have Carol as a member.

CHARACTER, SERVICE

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

"On my honor as a member of the Belvidere Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, I will do my best to uphold the ideals of character, scholarship, leadership, and service. I will be fair and square in my dealings with all. I will serve without thought of personal glory."

Each year deserving juniors and seniors in B. H. S. repeat the above pledge and try to live up to it. They are chosen by the faculty for their character, scholarship, leadership, and service. To be a member of this organization is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a high school student. B. H. S. is justly proud of its outstanding boys and girls who have been chosen members of the National Honor Society.



FIRST ROW: Ardie Whiting, Jane Hoffman, Janet Brown, Marilyn Nelson, Miss Giles, advisor, Carol Marshall, SECOND ROW: Dorls Moore, Donna Heller, Jerry McDonald, Bill Luhman, THIRD ROW, Marion Giesecke, Clarence Swanson, Jerry Woodard, Chuck Kleber.

QUILL AND SCROLL

Quill and Scroll, the International Honorary Society for High School Journalists, is an organization to which juniors and seniors may be chosen as members. They must have done outstanding work on the Belvi or the Bel-Hi News, in addition to ranking in the upper third of their class, before they are eligible. The B. H. S. journalistic advisors, Miss Blackburn, Miss Langmo, and Mr. and Mrs. Diggins, decide who the recipients of this honorare to be.



FIRST ROW: Carol Marshall, Doris Moore, Miss Blackborn, Belvi advisor, Pat Morris, Pat Webber, Joel Otto, Marilyn Nelson, SECOND ROW: Chuck Kleber, Phyllis Tengman, Donna Heller, Jane Hoffman, Miss Langmo, Bel-Hi advisor, Mrs. Diggins, Bel-Hi advisor, THIRD ROW: Dick Saley, Bill Luhman, Mr. Diggins, Bel-Hi advisor.

LEADERSHIP



Gerry Clausius, Jerry Woodard, Carol Marshall, Jerry McDonald, Clarence Swanson, Harold Anderson.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE

One of the highest honors and greatest experiences a junior girl or boy may have is to be selected to represent B. H. S. at Premier Boys' State and Illini Girls' State. Here they learn how government works by living in organized communities and electing their own officials.

The choices are based on scholarship, character, loyalty, and service to the school, The students are selected from a list of honor roll students submitted by the school. The Belvidere Chapter of the American Legion sponsors the boys and the Legion Auxiliary, the girls.



Semester Honor Roll

SENIORS

Anne Crawford Donna Heller Bonnie James Pat James Pat Lewis . Jerry McDonald Corol Marshall Romelle Miller Doris Moore Marilyn Nelson Darlene Neufer Joel Otto Marjorie Porter Darlene Rhode Barbara Stokes Beverly West Ardith Whiting Jerry Woodard

JUNIORS

Harry Albrecht
Kenneth Albrecht
Ronald Dunbar
Frances Ferguson
Marion Giesecke
Chuck Kleber
Pat Morris
Max Newport
Pat Rydbom
Dick Saley
Bill Smith
Francis Steinke
Mary Stevens
Georgiabelle Walley
Joanne Wensky

SOPHOMORES

Linda Brehmer Reeta Cowger Ada Jane Daer David Hull Owen Johnson Carol Wheeler FRESHMEN
Ruth Ann Blake
Nancy Cain
Audrey Eicksteadt
Donald Fair
Wesley Hyland
John Kleber
Jacqueline Kruit
James McLean
Patricia Peterson
Adele Sellers
Sally Swanson
Robert Tripp

SPORTSMANSHIP

ZVONAR MEMORIAL

The Zvonar Memorial presented to a junior girl in memory of Rosemary Zvonar, went to Jane Hoffman of the class of '52. The choice of the girl to receive this honor is based on her personality, sportsmanship, and service; all qualifications which Jane possesses.

It is presented annually at the G.A.A. Mother and Daughter Banquet in the Spring.



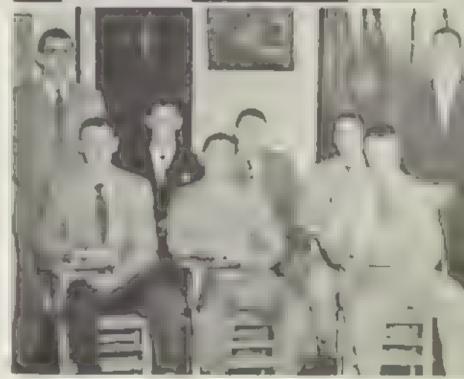
The Ed Huck Award was presented to Ray DeWane at the annual All Sports Banquet held in the spring. Each year this award is given to an outstanding athelete who has proved himself superior in sportsmanship, athletic ability, and service. This Award is a memorial to Ed Huck who was a victim of a fatal acident in 1945.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

Before a boy may become a member of the National Athletic Scholarship Society, he must not only excell in athletics and have earned a major letter, but also must have a grade average equal to or greater than the general average of the school. The boys are selected for their high citizenship and good sportsmanship by the faculty from nominations submitted to them by the coaching staff.







FIRST ROW: Ron Helsdon, Don Johannes, Don Barnum, SECOND ROW: Jack Shattuck, Clarence Swanson, Harold Anderson, Bill Bauer, Ray DeWane, NOT PICTURED: Gene Rowe.

THEY JOINED CLUBS

In 1888 the first revolving door was advertised as a "doorless door, always opened yet always closed," and a Belvidere newspaper carried an article about the Webster Club, a high school debating society. Thus along with the revolving door comes the first inconspicuous mention of extra curricular activities in B. H.S. Each Friday afternoon in the late 1890's the Philomathean Literary Society held meetings. These meetings were open to the student body and faculty, and members of the society presented recitations of books and poems, discussed current events, and debated timely topics. One subject of debate was, Resolved: That the fear of punishment has a greater effect on human conduct than the hope of reward."

The Sprinx, a school magazine, was published in 1910–11. The next year came the consolidation of south and north schools. The Sprinx staff, mourning the passing of this alma mater, presented a yearbook as a living memento to the days of old "South High." However, with the union the Sprinx became a regular annual, and in its place as a magazine and newspaper the Scoop was born. This

for many years was the school newspaper.

In 1913 a debating team chosen from the advanced public speaking class competed against Beloit High School. By this time there were also both a girls' and a boys' glee club and a girls' literary society called the Atheneum. An orchestra was formed which had eight members, including three violins, a cornet, clarinet, trombone, piano, and drums. The ever loyal girls organized a Booster Club to support the teams. They went to all the games wearing purple and gold arm bands. At the end of the year they gave to the school a branze proque engraved with Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The sophomore girls belonged to a sewing club, and the juniors and seniors had a forum.

Credit for the first high school band goes to the Rotary Club. About 1923 a few members of the club decided to sponsor a band. A fund was started to buy instruments, and a small band was started. The Rotary Club, realizing the possibilities of such an organization, turned it over to the school. In two years the band numbered thirty-five pieces. "Westward Ho, To Denver We Go" they sang in 1929 when they travered west to the National Music contest. The school staged a big send off, and

Director Clarence Gates and the boys brought home a first place trophy.

B.H.S has been growing ever since, and its clubs and organizations have grown up along with it. Our G.A.A., Pep Club, B Club, and Choir all have their counterparts in these early clubs and organizations. Their Sphinx is our Belvi; their Scoop our Bel-Hi. The Toni has replaced the marcel, knickers have given way to gray flannels and white bucks. But no matter what the year, the styles, or the names may be, students still like to sing and to play, to argue and to act. Our clubs reflect these interests just as they have for seventy-five busy years.



ORGANIZATIONS

LITTLE LAWMAKERS



OFFICERS

The Student Council is the most important organization in any high school. The aim of our council is to create student body-administration co-operation. Students are elected from each home room to make up the council.

The Freshman Reception, Christmas decoration contest, and Booster Carnival are all sponsored by the council. It schedules many assembly programs, both educational and entertaining, which

are presented without charge throughout the year to the students.

This year's council participated in a radio program, "High Schools on Parade," which was broad cast from station WLBK at De Ka b. Betvidere's program included a discussion by some members of the Student Council on the history and traditions of B.H.S.

Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. Parsons have given freely of their time and encouragement to make this

busy year a very successful one.

FIRST ROW: P. Wenzel, N. Kenson, C. Marstal, D. Heller, R. De Wane, D. Larson, A. Pundt, V. Glass, S. Barnum, T. Phillips, SECOND ROW O. I. as a M. Gresecke, M. Storfer, N. Melson, J. Carlson, THIRD ROW: D. Fair, D. Moore, B. Smith, B. Luhman, J. Storfer, M. Van Ip, s. FOLRIH ROW: Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Sellers, advisors; J. Bicksler, G. Clausius, M. Nelsport, NOT PIC IUR. D. A. A. Misser, J. Collins.



INFANTS IN INDUSTRY

OFFICERS

Jerry Johannes. president lim Rivers vice—president Jerry Whalen treasurer Kenny Luckow secretary



The Industrial Arts Club teaches its members how to use their hands skillfully so they will be-come better acquainted with their future careers in engineering, drafting, tool and die making, and other phases of industrial work. This program consists not only of shop work, and drafting, but of many technical movies and talks by various industrial personnel.

The club takes great pride in helping to develop good citizenship, group participation and the

individual character of its members.

Each one learns to meet the public and how to take on responsibilities by helping to operate the club's main financial project, the Community Building check rooms. The money made from this activity is then used to pay for a trip to Chicago.

The advisors of the Industrial Arts Club are Mr. Moss and Mr. Meyerhoffer, who give their

time and energy to help the boys.

FIRST ROW: B. Smith, F. Turrell, G. Bennett, R. Schmidt, H. Rands, P. Lightner, D. Dittbenner, B. Schwebke, R. Burrenges, D. E., St., Mr. Mess. advisor, G. Tarema, C. Bething, H. Person, SECOND R. W. I., Taft, D. W. itchure, J. W. If, D. Gustat, n. I. lo annes, N. Der v. D. I. is and J. W. a.e., M. Gregori, B. Cregori, B. Cregori, B. Cregori, B. Cregori, B. Jacobson, Mr. Meyerhoffer, advisor, B. Gorham, THIRD ROW: B. Ashens, K. Luckow, R. Culver, B. Latson, F. and In, J. R. Pers, D. Schlottman, J. Arn Printer, R. Dittbe ner





B. H. S. HISTORY

BEL HI STAFF

FIRST ROW: Jane Hoffman, Feature Editor; Ardie Whiting, News Editor; Marilyn Nelson, Editor; Bill Luhman, Make-Up Editor; Donna Heller, Editorial Editor. SECOND ROW: Mr. and Mrs. Diggins, advisors; June and Joan Sheehan, Circulation Managers, Phyllis Tengman, Advertising Manager; Delores Hayenga, Assistant Advertising Manager; Owen Johnson, Assistant Make-Up Editor; Miss Langmo, advisor.

Towards the end of each month a light burning in room 304 long after everyone else had gone nome meant that the Bel-Hi News Staff was putting the finishing touches on the high school paper. Published each month with funds provided by the school board, the Bel-Hi was furnished free to all students.

Page editors made assignments before each issue, and reporters covered everything from band concerts to bird collections. The latest B.M.S. happenings in the classroom, in the sports world, and in all school activities were reported in the Bel-Hi. Pictures, cartoons, and even an occasional scoop all helped to make the paper a success. Credit should go to the whole staff and their advisors, Miss Langmo, and Mr. and Mrs. Diggins.

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RECORDED AND REVIEWED

"Where on earth can we ever find a surrey?" was the query of the Be vi staff early in the year. For they had chosen for a theme the seventh-fifth anniversary of B. H.S., and antiquated vehicles and a pictures were much in demand. Soon staff head-quarters (Rusm 204) resembled a historical library. While same students pared and chuckled over records of the past, other staff members scheduled and rescheduled pictures, wrote copy, or pasted dummies. Miss Blackburn counseled, advised, and helped in every phase of the work. The editors approached each dead ine with baited breath and sighed with relief as each one was safely met. Finally the money was all collected, the last page was finished, and our book went to press. Putting together this book has been work, but we've had fun, too. We hope you will enjoy it.

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STRIKE UP

OFFICERS
FIRST ROW: Gerry Clausius, president; Pat Webber, secretary; Wayne Stem, relater, SECOND ROW
Roberta Meyers, recording secretary Marian Newson, relaters.



FIRST ROW: Beverly Beecham, Bob Tripp, Marion Giesecke, SECOND ROW: Terry Phillips, chairman Shirley Barnum, Sandra Rhodes.

Decked out in brand new uniforms of blue and gray, the high school band was set to make a flashy appearance at the first home football game this year. The whistle blew, the drums broke into a fost cadence, and the members fell into step. They reached the middle of the field and went into the first formation. But a folsh of lightning, and a sudden deluge of rain put a swift end to their music. That night bedraggled band members put away dripping instruments and hung the new uniforms up to dry. The next week both the freshly pressed uniforms and the band were back again to start a full year's schedule.

HRST ROW is flatter, R. Fripp, R. Griffies, N. Cairl. SECOND ROW, M. Giesecke, J. Brown, S. Barmum, M. Sullivar, R. Meyers, E. Scherer, J. Allow et a. THIRD Row J. Kunde, A. Sellers, A. Hendrickson, P. Peterson, R. Ryan, J. Kleber, N. Lane, M. Stouffer, FOURTH ROW: L. Blunt, D. Norwood, B. Anderson, A. Boettcher, B. Giusti, W. Daring.



THE BAND

The Belvidere High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Charles Harned, presented a haif-time show at each of the home football games as well as traveling to DeKalb to perform there. They played at all home basketball games and provided music for pep assemblies. The band is at the head of nearly every Belvidere parade, and their performances throughout the year added color and spirit to the gatherings. Concerts at Christmas time and in the spring showed the more serious efforts of the band. Eurly in the spring soloists traveled to the district contest at Fulton and the state contest at Champaign. Because B. H. S. has become a class A school for the first time, the ensembles went directly to the state contest.

For the annual spring banquet and dance, the band combined with the A Cappella Chair and Girls' Charus. At this time awards were presented, and officers for next year named.



TWIRLERS
Pat Starr, Bev Beecham,
Francis Steinke, Doris Bartell

FIRST ROW J. Wimber ev. S. R. odes, A. Daut, P. Webber, SECOND ROW S. Miller O. R. is., B. Stott, W. Stetn, T. Philips, R. Cowget, THIRD ROW V. Smith, I. Sears, B. Allen, R. Foote, B. Crawford, J. A. Retmin, S. Filton, S. Cowget, FOURTH ROW M. T. there, M. Va. Epis G. Clausias, M. Millers, G. Williams, C. Axc. son, L. Barnum, J. Graff, D. Heinz, B. Hawkey.



MAKE MINE MUSIC



OFFICERS

Overhead a boys' gym class was playing basketball. The delicate patter of their feet as they raced back and farth sounded like thunder on the ceiling. From below came the continual clank and clatter of the protesting steam pipes. But the girls in the social room sang on trying to drown out the unwelcome competition.

The Girts' Chorus, which met each day during seventh period, d'a have a few difficulties. However, they accomplished a good deal of work. The chorus is composed chiefly of underclassmen girls who study the fundamentals of vocal music. For most girls this chorus is the pretiminary step to the A Cappella Chair. In addition to participating in both the Christmas and spring concerts the chorus performed for several organizations during the year. At the end of the year they attended the music department's banquet and dance.

HRST ROW A Purst, N. Merson, D. Cro.e, J. Acker nan, L. Barnum, K. Miles, M. Neufer, J. Carlson, SECOND ROW N. Shook, R. Blake, J. Pinegar, P. Hammand, D. Gromes, N. Brooks, P. Leggett, THIRD ROW P. Peterson, A. Sellers, J. Crawford, G. Morre, FOURTH ROW C. Jaffray, M. Ede, B. Graham, L. Edmison, J. Boettcher, V. Boyer, C. Ahlberg, B. Haley, E. Prather, J. Barker, N. Jones, P. DeSonia, H. Hartter.



PASS THE PITCH PIPE

OFFICERS

Doris Moore. secretary
Ardie Whiting treasurer
Carol Marshall president
Bruce Cregeen . . . vice-president



In its three years in B.H.S. the A Cappe a Chair has become perhaps the most widely accommed of all the organizations in the school. Directed by Mr. Erhardt Roeske, the chair has displayed a maturity of tone and performance which critics have compared with that of a college chair. In addition to presenting two concerts, the A Cappella has sung for many church and organization functions throughout the year. They were in demand not only in Belvidere but in many neighboring cities also. This spring the chair was heard on the radio over station WLBK, DeKalb.

FIRST ROW: R. Tripp, R. Behling, C. Wylde, S. Ehlert M. Cole, L. Brehmer, J. Otto, P. Lewis, D. Sawyer, N. Cain, F. Ferguson, R. Barker, D. Grimm, R. Burtoughs C. Dock, SECOND ROW: S. Dodson, N. Nash, B. Huck, L. Holliston, J. Schultz, D. Lyons, P. Wenzel, M. Feters J. Grant, S. Julin, THIRD ROW: C. Marshall, P. Webber, S. Rhodes, R. Walters, J. Thayer, D. Burton, D. Fatt, T. Grant, R. Johnson, D. Moore, A. Hendrickson, N. Slater FOURTH ROW: M. Otto, E. Kiefer, R. Miller, J. Wirth, M. Morris M. Tomberg, D. Schumacher, W. Dat S. O. Johnson, B. Luhman, M. Van Epps, R. Cowger, R. Writt.



"LEARNING TO SERVE ... "



FIRST ROW: H. Albrecht, M. Newport, R. White, L. Wheeler, B. Willis, W. Kaltenbach, D. Menge. SECOND ROW: F. Lyford, L. Guthrie, B. Edlund, A. Hyland, G. Johnson, J. Berryman, P. Hale, W. Nutt, H. Albrecht, D. Morehead.

FIRST ROW: Mr. S. 12, a. 1

Ferry, B. Carpenter, k. C. tr. n. SECOND

ROW: I. Ward, D. S. C., I. Hart, J.

Burrell, J. Larson, V. 11, O. O. C.,

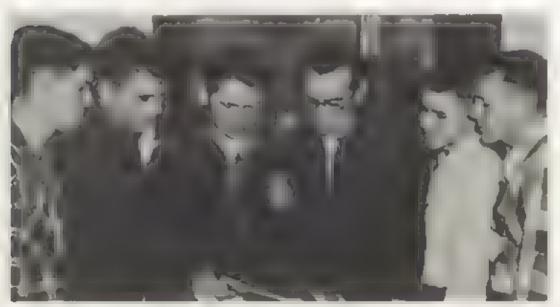
A. Fidder, G. Eicksteaut, D. S. C.,

H. Behling, B. Dummer, THIRD ROW:

A. Phoenix, G. Huff, J. Moan, D. Fairgrieves, G. Tumer.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization for boys in high school who are interested in agriculture. In addition to carrying on their class projects, the boys have divided their activities into various fields such as: corn growing, parliamentary procedure, essay and basketball contests.

The boys have attended the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago and sponsored the annual Parent and Son Banquet. Mr. Harvey Safford, high school agricultural instructor, is their capable advisor.



OFFICERS

Paul Hale		-		, treasure	ar.
Les Wheeler .		٠		.secretar	У
Royal White .			a	, presider	ıł.
Jim Berryman			vic	e-presider	ıt.
Harry Albrecht	-			. reporte	ar.
Bob Edlund .		_		. senting	e l

WHAT'S COOKING?

FIRST ROW: C. Ahlberg, Mrs. Porter, M. Brown, S. Yerk, SECOND ROW: L. Taft, B. Allen, L. Latson, H. Behnke, P. Mc-Donald, H. Wilson, F. Bordman, D. Nordmeyer, N. Shook, R. Schnot, R. Kline, N. Waalewyn, THIRD ROW: J. Robertson, B. Meckley, P. Lienbach, S. Johannes, V. Hale, J. Soderberg, V. Boyer, J. Gustafson, M. Schrader, M. Nettleton, P. Hammond, D. Grimes, M. Rose, H. Avery,





FIRST ROW: M. Porter, S. Dodson, C. Neufer, M. Ecklund, D. Blake, G. Goetz, P. Smith, A. Schafman, SECOND ROW: S. Miller, J. Rewoldt, S. Johanningsmeier, M. Nevel, P. Sundeen, D. De-Young, C. Boettcher, L. Swanson, A. Brady, F. Jacobsen, D. Goetz, G. Walley, THIRD ROW: M. Ashley, J. Schnor, P. Schwebke, Y. Levoy, J. Hyde, D. Bartell, A. Blum, B. Cunningham, D. Nuefer, D. Rhode, M. Carlson, J. Sheehan, A. Foote, B. Buhl, M. Wahl.

The Future Homemakers of America is a national organization of girls who study homemaking. The motto of the group is "Toward New Horizons." The covers are red and white, symbolic of youth and purity. The red rose is the flower.

In the spring, the members of the club attended the annual Spring Rally held at Orangeville. The biggest club activity of the year was the Mother and Daughter Tea held in May.

OFFICERS

Mrs. Porter, Chapter Mother, Marge Cushman, Miss Owens, advisor, Barb Buhl, Marj Carlson, and Carol Nuefer.



DEBATORS MATCH WITS



Ron Turner Owen Johnson Bill Luhman Marilyn Nelson Jim Martin

The debate topic for 1751-52 was Resolved. That all citizens of the United States should be subject to conscription for essential service in time of war. The team participated in contests at Laurange, East Rackford, and DeKalb. Due to inexperience they entered only second division competition. At the end of the year the club attended the district tournament where they watched debates and speech events. They meet each Monday night throughout the school year. The debate coach is Miss Ruth Helligas.

HERE TO SERVE US

The Library Club is primarily a service arganization. The members do routine tasks around the library check over-due books, check out books, make cards, and shelve books.

The two big projects of this year were the Book Tea for the faculty, and the sending of a CARE package of books to an orphanage in Yugoslavia at Christmas time.

The officers are Pat Rydbom, president, Georgiabelle Walley, vice-president, and Nancy Holtfreter, secretary-treasurer.

SEATED: Pat Rydborn, Georgiabelle Walley, FIRST ROW: N. Holtfreter, R. Klein, D. Dorn, D. Heller, P. Starr, A. Daer, B. Stokes, B. West, B. Jones, J. Kruit, SECOND ROW: Miss Smith, advisor: D. Fait, J. Holfman, C. Axelson, W. Edlund, R. Stone, G. Bergstrom, L. Carlson, M. Starr.



"THE PLAY'S THE THING"

Miss Brooks, attractive and well liked school teacher at Mudison High, certainly accumulates a load of troubles in the hilarious comedy, "Our Miss Brooks." One of her more pleasant problems comes neatly packaged in the form of Hugo Longacre, the handsome basketball coach. However, Mr. Wadsworth, the high school principal, doesn't make such a pleasant package. Trying to keep the school running smoothly is a big job which he messes up beautifully. Mrs. Allen, president of the school board, doesn't have much trouble keeping up with Mr. Wadsworth in upsetting poor Miss Brook's peace of mind. Also featurers in the play are Miss Audubon, the nerve—wracked music instructor, and Miss Finch, Librarian at Madison and a friend of Miss Brooks. The problems of typical high school teachers are humarously portrayed in this rollicking comedy.

CAST	STAFI	F
Miss Brooks Barbara Schulte	Marilyn Ackerman	Bonnie Lackow
Miss Finch Darlene Rhode Hugo Longacre Jack Wolf	Barb Berry	Joel Otto
Mr. Wadsworth Bill Luliman		
Miss Audubon Donna Smith Elsie Ardie Whiting	8cb Best	Nancy Peterson
Elaine June Sheehan Jane Marilyn Nelson	Colleen Coombes	Mary Porter
Sylvia Carol Marshall	Ray De Wane	Pat Starr
Marge	Barb Fry	Phyllis Teugman
Faith Jane Hoffman	•	, ,
Rhonda Romelle Miller Ted Wayne Stern	Bob Hickey	Danny Sullivan
Stanley Charles Cunningham	Joan Humphry	Don Zierke
Mrs. Allen Doris Moore	Don Jo	hannes

STANDING: Barb Schulte, Jack Wolf, Darlene Rhode, Marilyn Nelson, Wayne Stern, Romelle Miller Donna Smith, Bill Luhman, Charlie Cunningham, Glenn Hanson, Doris Moore, SEATED: Jane Hoffman June Sheehan, Ardie Whiting, Cirol Marshall, Pat Lewis, Donna Heller.



WILLING WORKERS



OFFICERS

The gir, spied a little bottle with a slip of paper in it. She and her companions rushed over to the bottle, opened it, and hostily scanned the message. Was it hidden treasure, perhaps a clue to some pirate captain's storen gold? The clue did not lead to gold, but it did point the way to treasure—hot dogs, milk, and apples. These were enjoyed by over two hundred B.H.S. girls at the Girls Athletic Association's annual buddy hike and treasure hunt held early in September. The G.A.A.'s welcome to the new students was soon followed by a series of early morning hikes. Each week many girls participated in these 6:30 A.M. walks.

With a membership of 238, the G.A.A. is the second largest club in school, and one of the most active. In addition to the athletic and social program, the club earned money by selling football and basketball pencils, as well as 5000 lbs. of pecans.

FIRST ROW: B. Berry, B. Fry, J. Humphry, D. Smith, C. Coombes, B. Schulte, E. Stroud, M. Eklund, S. Turner, B. Luhman, E. Kafet, B. Hack, D. Arand. Souther. N. Peterson, P. James. J. Boettcher, B. Bihl, J. Sellers, SECOND ROW. N. Schultz, J. Guatti R. Wright. J. Wensky, D. Kop in J. Hoftman, D. Heiser. R. Miller. P. Lewis. D. Moore, C. Marshall, C. Norwood. B. Stokes. B. West. F. Jacobsen, S. Koppen, M. Watti, S. Dague. D. Neufer. THIRD ROW. S. Bruce. N. Slater, S. McCoy, S. Miller, N. Nash, R. M. Jets. J. Brown, M. James, J. Johnson. M. Astley, D. De Young, C. Mackeben, P. Frazer. S. Haffenden. M. Ackerman. D. Rhode, D. Neufer, M. Potter, B. James, FOUNTH ROW. R. Stone. M. Wirth, J. Hyde, Y. LeVoy, P. Webber, J. Otto, P. Tengman, B. Luckow, A. Whiting, B. Beecham, V. Smith, D. Bartell, B. McGee. P. Start, A. Blum, B. DeSonia, B. Olson, A. Schafman, J. Hdm. son. FIFTH Rolly. M. Peters, R. Barner, S. Johann, Igsmeier, J. Rewoldt, S. Dodson, J. Boettcher. P. Rydbom, M. Stevens, F. Ferguson, M. Nevel, M. Miller, M. Nelson.



PEDDLE PECANS AND PENCILS

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Mary Brady, Noel Kenyon, Nancy Shappert, Nancy Melson, Virginia Glass, Lois Barnum, Sue McCoy, Sandra Julin, Barbara Huck, Roberta Wright, Ardie Whiting, Doris Moore, Donna Heller, Pat Lewis.



"Oriental Fantasy" was the theme of the second fall formal. Members, predges, and dates danced beneath Japanese lanterns and cherry biossoms. Huge picture frames on the walls sirhouetted a fiery dragon, a pagoda, and a rickshaw.

On February 22, following a week of traditional activities, seventy pledges received their G.A.A

pins in an impressive candle light ceremony before the student body.

The spring dance was held on April 19, and the year ended with the Mother and Doughter Banquet.
"Wertny," Miss Vanessa Werth, is the G. A. a. sable advisor, and to her efforts must the club's success
be attributed.

FIRST ROW: L. Larson, D. Nordmeyer, J. Pinegar, J. Gustafson, M. Brown, M. Landphere, M. Starr, A. Daer, M. Sullivan, V. Hale C. Ahlberg, P. Hammond, S. White, M. Van Epps, K. Miles, N. Shappert, N. Melson, C. Uting, A. Pundt, SECOND ROW; B. War per P. Wenzel, L. White N. Bounds K. Biake, M. Mickey, S. Peterson, D. Greenhow, N. Waa cwyn, A. Aves, J. Weether. N. Sio K. W. Edland, B. Bowley, C. Shafman, A. Artilp, P. McDonald, B. Alien, L. Swalsen, I. HIED Row, L. Laves, A. district, A. Schiefs, N. Caun, I. Brehmet, M. Otto, C. Wheelet, V. Glass, D. Havenza, P. Frazer, L. Barnum, M. Cole, L. A. L. N. Wilson, R. Cowger, T. Phailips, G. Moore, D. Summers, S. Ehlert, FOURTHROW S. Cowget, A. B. Birnan, M. Lait, L. A. L. S. C. Birsen, R. Schnot, D. Sawyet, M. Nettleton, H. Behnke, N. Boettcher, S. Neth, M. Neuf, R. Brooks, D. N. Loui, L. Williams, M. Brooks, D. N. Loui, L. Williams, M. Barker, B. Whitney, E. Prathet, P. Boettcher, FIFTH ROW, N. Lane, M. Stouffer, S. Filton, J. Ackerman, J. Carlow, S. Kingsbury, C. Fitzgerald, M. Ede, J. Majempsey, R. Jewell, B. Milard, B. Mahle, J. With, M. Destric, M. Larin, L. Price, C. Jaffray, P. Peterson, SIXIH, Rosy, S. Rhodes, R. Stem, J. Z. Immer, H. Hartter, J. Schoole, K. Kop, t. D. Lite, M. S. Landwisor, B. Hawkey, N. Keating, N. Holtfretter, M. Brady, B. Haley, J. Kruit, N. Butz.



"WE'RE FROM BELVIDERE



FIRST ROW J. Moan J. Martin, J. Majempsy, J. Hobbs, B. Wagner, B. Mills, H. Bennke, C. Schafman A. Arthip, P. Mc-Donald, F. Wlittney, B. Tripp, V. Hale, C. H.Il, J. Kaske, D. Lyons, T. Graves, D. James. SECOND ROW. D. Johnson, J. Mc-Lear, I Blunt, J Smith, D Berman, N. Holtfreter J. Carlson, M. Crawford, S. VonZuben, P. DeSonia, L. Hinds, C. Jaffray, C. Huck, L. Latson, D. Nordmeyer, G. Elliott, B. Graig, D. Heinz, D. Dittbenner, THIRD ROW, M. Latson, M. Hyser, N. Kenyon, R. Koplin, M. Brady, B. Haley, N. Keating, B. Hawkey, S. Fry, W. Wascher, D. Gritzmacher, M. Mickey, S. Ehlert, D. Whitchurch, D. Hul., G. Bennett, P. Frazer, N. Shook, D. Hayenga, FOURTH ROW, S. Fulton, M. Stauffer, P. Hammond, G. Bergstrom, C. Birsen, P. Askin, B. Scholl, A. Seilers, S. Kingsbury, E. West, D. Rewoldt, L. Carlson, N. Brooks, B. Schwebke, W. Hyland, P. Boettcher, D. Sawyer, I. Barnum, N. Bottcher, FIFTH ROW, P. Gilman, B. Peterson, T. Conwell, F. Lampert, D. DeVine, M. Storey, P. Davies, B. Whitney, C. Fitzgerald, J. Zimmer, A. Ede, N. Bounds, B. Anderson, M. Neufer, J. Wirth, R. Biake, J. Pinegar, B. Glaser, S. Baroum, SIXTH ROW, Edlund, R. Schmidt, S. Cowger, A. Billman, J. Ackerman, R. Stern, H. Hartter, G. Moore, P. Peterson, D. Summers, N. Butz. P. Lighmer, C. Wheeler, T. Phillips, K. Miles, A. Daer, D. Fairgraves, J. Bicksler, G. Hammond, SEVENTH ROW I Woodard B. Horton, R. Grimes, J. Kruit, A. Hartman, B. Warner, P. Wenzel D. Greenhow, B. Bowley, V. Boyer, P. Hammond, M. Starr, B. Behling, D. Barton, B. Bann, L. Emanuel, L. Hol-Itston, R. Turner, W. Daring EIGHTHROW B. Malisch, C. Wilstams, D. Smith, G. Luckow, J. Kunde, N. Waalewyn, M. Rose, L. Swanson, R. Schnor, R. Klein, S. White, B. Miliard, R. Jewell, S. Rippentrop, M. Lamphere, G. Turner, J. Elliott, A. Fid. der. MINTHROW M. Morris, M. Tomberg, D. Grimes, V. Hale, B. Carter, M. Cole, S. Johannes, M. Nettleton, S. Yetk, M. Brown, J. Gustafson, M. Schrader, L. Sears, D. Grimes, B. Allen, P. Leinbach, B. Meyers, J. Burnell, G. Garrigan, TENTH ROW; R. Grimes, C. McGivern, R. Concialdi, A. Zierke,

NO ONE COULD BE PROUDER"



FIRST ROW N. Meison, J. Schute, D. Latsol, N. Slappert, B. Smith, B. James, P. James, N. Calder, J. Coleman, N. Peter son, D. Fidder, C. Kleber, E. Kiefer, B. Huck, J. Guisti, C. Cunningham, J. Hoffman, K. Dev. e, B. Luhman, SECCAD ROW M. James, S. McCov, N. Nash, C. Norwood, R. Mevers, J. Brown, S. Julin, V. Luhman, A. Pardt, C. Warner, C. Cting, K. Wright J Wensky, N. Schultz, B. Buhl, S. Dague, J. Boettcher J. Seliets, M. Wahl THIADROW B. Fry, B. Berr. R. Finders, F. Jacobsen, B. West, S. Koppen, B. Stokes C. Neufer, S. Dodson, S. Tessman C. Boette et, D. DeYoung, C. Mackeben P Frazer S Haffenden, J. Crawford, B. McGee, D. Bartell, FOLKIHROW P. Tergman, B Luckow, M. With R Helsoch, B Beecham, A. Brady, E. Storey, M. Carlson, P. Sunden, R. Miller, P. Lewis, C. Marshall, D. Heiler, S. Barney, M. Giesecke, B Kelly C. Wait, B. Prescott, D. Crone, FIFTH ROW M. Nevel, M. Fotter, S. Miller, F. Turreil, C. Scherring, D. Norwiod, H Scherer, E. Eicksteadt, D. Karr, A. Whiting, G. Tangman, B. Short, K. Al. Ibrecht, D. Saley, W. Stern R. Dewane B. Hickey, D. Zierke, G. Hanson, SIXTHROW J. Horton, D. Streit, S. Tarner, S. Bruce, J. Johnson, R. Stone, G. Bruyn, J. Wialen, D Poulton D. Johnson, J. Johannes, D Schlottman, B Best, J Ryder, J. Woodard, J. McDonald, B. Anderson, A. Boettcher, r. Bergman, SEVENTHROW L. Edmison, Y Levoy, P Schwebke, J Rewordt J. Hyde, S. Johanningsmett, S. Haiverson, L. Knutson, G. Goetz D. Barnum, D. Elliott, B. Bauer, F. Craig, R. Dunbar, G. Clausius, M. Exland, D. Arand S. Builte D. Kine. EIGHTHROW B. Crawford, C. Harr, F. Steinke, N. Slater, N. Brooks, P. Webber, A. Schatman, J. Otto, B. Schulte, B. Best, W Kaltenbach, A. Hyland, D. Menge, D. Whitehead, K. Luckow, J. Stevens, F. Ferguson, D. Koplin, NINTh ROW A. Bium, J. Carlson, P. Mottis, P. Starr, M. Schwebke, B. Desonia, D. Surlivan, R. Smiley, J. Shattack, G. Rowe, J. Wolf, R. Dittbenner, M. Ackerman, D. Rhode, H. Anderson, J. Crawford, L. Shattuck, R. Carlton, J. Cordray, TENTH ROW: O. Johnson, M. Nelson, D. Moore, N. Anderson.

BELVIDERE HIGH HEROES



FIRST ROW: J. Coleman, D. Fidder, G. Hanson, D. Sullivan, R. DeWane, K. DeVine, R. Smiley, SECONDROW: W. Hyland, D. Berman, H. Anderson, D. Barnum, D. Elliott, C. Cunningham, R. Rands, THIRD ROW: G. Elliott, D. Thornton, G. Rowe, A. Fidder, R. Dunbar, G. Bennett, G. Luckow. FOURTH ROW: A. Rogers, B, Craig, F. Shook, R. Helsdon, J. Wolf, T. Jones, D. Johannes, J. Smith, FIFTH ROW: R. Lindaas, J. Schultz, D. Hull, W. Stern, J. Hobbs, B. Bauer, D. Dorn, D. Walters. SIXTH ROW: J. DeSonia, N. Anderson, D. Burton, J. Horton, K. Hartman, C. Swanson, C. Erickson, D. Heinz, SEVENTH ROW: J. Bicksler, J. Woodard, D. Johnson, J. Jensen, M. Newport, G. Turner, R. Burroughs, NOT PICTURED ARE. J. Ryder, J. Shattuck, C. Kle-

This year eligibility to the B Club was gained by all letter winners of sports at B.H.S., thus raising the membership to 75.

Projects for the year have been the revision of the B Club Constitution, improvement of the B Club stand at the footbail field, concession stand and ushering at each basketball game, and the presentation of black and white jackets to the senior members.

The B Club always tries to leave something for the benefit of future athletes. This year's funds will aid in buying side-line coats for football players.

Under the guidance of Mr. Patrick, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Knauer, and Mr. Terry Ryan the club has had a very prosperous year.



OFFICERS

Clarence Swanson			4			. president
Ray DeWane .			h		vice	-president
Roy Smiley	e					. secretary
Harold Anderson					4	, treasurer
Danny Sullivan			4	,	-	judge

"YEA. KIDS!

Varsity Cheerleaders

Bonnie James, Pat James, Colleen Coombes, Bill Smith, Bev Beechman



Doris Larson, Nancy Melson, Joyce Schulte, Nancy Shappert

Frosh-Soph Cheerleaders

NICE WORK!"

AND CHEERED THE TEAMS

Rarum! Scarum!
Rickety! Rack!
Hear'em! Cheer'em!
Orange and Black!
Kick-a-la-la! Kick-a-la-la!
Belvidere Crescents!
Rah! Rah! Rah!

The class of '99 will remember these words, for this was the cheer of the Crescent football team. In the late 1890's the boys of the "orange and brack" fought their way to fame against school teams from Rockford, Elgin, and Beloit Because there were no organized athletics in Belviaere schools at this time, these boys made a group of their own and thus became B.H.S.'s first football team. Composed primarily of high school students with a few non-students, the team had as their emblem a crescent centered with a "B". The crescent boys also sponsored Belvidere's first amateur athletic tournament with teams from many towns competing. In addition to the usual track tournament events, this one a so included two thrilling bicycle races. In 1951, the survivors of the Crescent Club held their fifty-fifth anniversary celebration.

After the conso idation in 1912 of the North and South Belvidere High Schools, the two naturally combined their athletics. The Athletic Financial Statement for the 1913-14 season shows expenses which total \$453-50. Total receipts amounted to \$485.94, and the balance came to \$32.54. Since the practice of awarding letters had been initiated in 1909 a total of twenty-two boys had received the official "B". In the 1915-16 season Belvidere High School chose its first cheerleaders, Claude and Clair Carney, who performed at all games. Their uniforms were purple and gold clown suits with school pennants hanging from around their necks.

Winning second place in the state tournament the basketball squad of 1916-17 brought honor to its alma mater. The record set by "Champs" Ben Lear, Herb Comstock, Allen Jukes, Myron Silvius, and Harotd Gilroy has not been matched yet by a Buc team. Our 1951-52 squad set a record of its own this year by winning the DeKalb tournament for the first time since 1931.

The purple and gold tradition has come a long way. Our letter sweaters don't have heavy collars; our basketbal, team does not sport knitted caps; and our cheerleaders don't wear clown suits anymore. But the spirit that carried teams to victory nearly half a century ago is still with us, and we sing as they all have sung, We're loyal to you, Beividere. We're purple and gold, Belvidere."



SPORTS

COACHES MOLI



Belvidere High School reorganized its athletic staff this year, appointing Joe Lewis as Athletic Director of Community Unit School District *100. He is also head baseball coach, director of high school physical education, freshman and junior varsity baseketball coach, and junior high football coach.

Under Joe's direction, baseball was started in the high school in 1947. Since then Belvidere has always fielded fine teams.

Joe is just finishing his seventh year of active coaching at B.H.S., and his career here has marked him as one of the most distinguished coaches ever to serve in Belvidere.

B.H.S. is fortunate to have a director and coaches with excellent athletic backgrounds. We are sure that they will keep our school athletics on the high level of former years.

"YEA, JOEI M-M-M BOYI"

"We've got the coach --

Stan Patrick, a letterman and a graduate of the University of Illinois, has been in Belvidere High School just two years, but he has established himself as a highly successful cage coach.

After being selected for the Herald American All-Star team in 1944, Stan was offered a contract with the world champion American Gears. After playing with the Gears for four seasons, he went to the Hammond Bucs, Waterloo Hawks, and Sheboygan, where he finished the 1949–50 season.

Stan's varsity squad this year got off on the right foot, winning eleven of the first thirteen games, including a nine game winning streak. For the first time in quite a few years, the Bucsplayed the number one and two teams in the state, Hebron and West Rockford, respectively.

"YEA TEAM, NICE WORK!"



MIGHTY MEN

Terence Ryon has been moving up steadily each year since he came four years ago. At the present time, he is the frosh-soph football coach, frosh-soph basketball coach, and assistant varsity track coach. He is also in charge of elementary and junior high school physical education.

Terry's greatest success in Belvidere was with the 1950-51 junior high basketball quintet, which wan twenty-two games without a defeat. The highlight of last season came when this squad won the invitational junior high school basketball tournament at Mt. Morris.

Again this year, this great junior high team, as the frosh-soph team of B.H.S. was coached by Terry. They got off to a good start in 1951 by winning their twenty-third straight game, 57 to 12 against Kirk-land.

"GOL TEAML GOL"



team, pep, steam!"



Bernard Knauer, this past year finished his first season as head football coach. He succeeded Joe Lewis as chief of the Big Bucs last September. Under Bernie's able direction, the team wonfive games and lost four. The highlight of the season climaxed Homecoming when the Bucs won the homecoming game against the Marmion Cadets, 45 to 0.

Bernie attended Northwestern University, where he won letters in track and football. His chief college thrill came when the 1949 Northwestern football team of which he was a member went to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl game. Bernie played on the winning team as the Wildcats triumphed, 20 to 24.

"OUR TEAM WILL FIGHT -- "

VARSITY FOOTBALL



DON FIDDER Co-Captain



KENNY DeVINE Most Valuable Player



GENE ROWE Co-Captain

SPIRIT SPARKS SEASON

The Belvidere Bucs football season was not especially great, but it must be remembered that the competition they had to play against was the toughest they have ever had. We can be proud of the five wins and four losses, however, because it was the best season Belvidere High School has had since the undefeated season in 1947.

In the first ball game of the year against Washington Park of Racine, the Bucs' had a tough time getting started as is the case in most first season games. After a scoreless game for three quarters the team finally began to roll and won on a touchdown by Ron Dunbar and the extra point by Ray DeWane.

The second game of the season was against Reavis High School that boasted a veteran ball club of same forty letter winners. It was the Bucs' first home game and they did a grand job in defeating Reavis.

Although Harlem High School of Rockford was not supposed to be too tough, the Bucs had to come from behind to beat this stubborn ball club.

The following week Belvidere played their hardest fought and most heartbreaking game of the season. The Bucs lost to Leyden but out-played them most of the game and were three yards from a touchdown near the end of the game when a fifteen yard penalty was walked off against them which ended the scoring chance.

The Bucs looked the best all year when they defeated Marm'on Military Academy Everything seemed to work as Be videre piled one touchdown on top of another.

Because of the easy victory over Marmion the week before coaches Bernie Knauer and Stan Patrick were worried about a let down for the Woodstock game. There was need to worry too, because Woodstock was all fired up for the game and defeated a team that just could not get started.

The following week Belvidere went to Madison to play Edgewood. Our Bucs played good offensive ball, making a lat of yardage but were unable to score. A muddy field did not do our fast backs any good.

In ten below zero weather the Bucs traveled to DeKalb a week later. With the help of two mis-plays early in the game, DeKalb kept their undefeated season intact

The last game of the season was played in the snow. During the week the teams shoveled at the footbal, field in order that the game might be played. The Bucs kept the rundefeated record on their home field. It was a game in which we saw Run Dunbar score three touchdowns, Bob Hickey two, and Jerry Young two. Three of these touchdowns were on passes from Ray DeWane.

People who remember the 1951 Bucs won't forget the fine running of Ron Dunbar, Bob Hickey, Bir Bauer and Jerry Young. They will re all the fine job Ray De Wane and Jack Shattuck distart quarterback. The line play of Ken DeVine, Harold Anderson, Don Barnum, Don Fidder, Glen Hansen, Bill Gibson, Jack Wolf, and Gene Rowe will be an insurrational to future Bics.

Individual scoring honors went to Ron Dunbar with 56 points, Bub Hilley with 42 points, Ray DeWane with 20 points, Harold Anderson with 18 points, and Jerry Young with 12 points. Jack Shattuck, Jan Fish, and Gene Rowe each made 6 points.



MAGNIFICENT MANAGERS

B.H.S. had a crew of very efficient managers this year. With only a few exceptions the same boys served for the complete school year. The managers are important to the success of any team. It is their job to hand out equipment and check it in. This year they did everything from rub downs to keeping score. They, with the cooperation of the team members, kept everything in the dressing room running smoothly.

FIRST ROW: D. Berman, C. Kleber, R. Butroughs. SECOND ROW: K. Albrecht, J. Smith, B. Anderson, R. Schmidt, J. Latson, THIRD ROW: G. Luckow, R. Rands.





BILL BAUER Junior, Fullback

RAY DeWANE Senior, Quarterback

BOS HICKEY Senior, Halfback

JERRY YOUNG Junior, Fullback





DON JOHANNES Senior, Halfback

RON DUNBAR Junior, Halfback HAROLD ANDERSON Senior, End





JACK WOLF Senior, Tackle

GLEN HANSON Senior, Tackle







Senior, Tackle



BILL GIBSON Senior, Guard







RON HELSDON Junior, End

JACK SHATTUCK Senior, Quarterback

DANNY SULLIVAN Senior, Center

DON BARNUM Junior, Center













JAN FISH Senior, Halfback

LESTER WHEELER Junior, Tackle

JERRY JENSEN Junior, Tackle

JERRY WHALEN Junior, End



BOB JACOBSON Junior, Guard JERRY WOODARD Senior, End

KERMIT HARTMANN Senior, Guard



BILL PRESCOTT Junior, Center

DICK ELLIOTT Junior, End



JERRY ARMBRUSTER Junior, Tackle

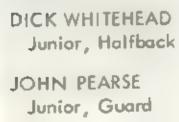
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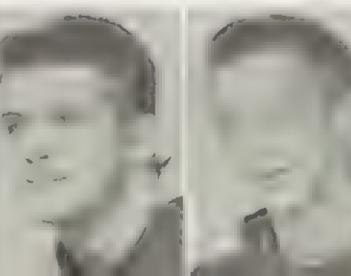
JIM RIVERS Senior, Tackle









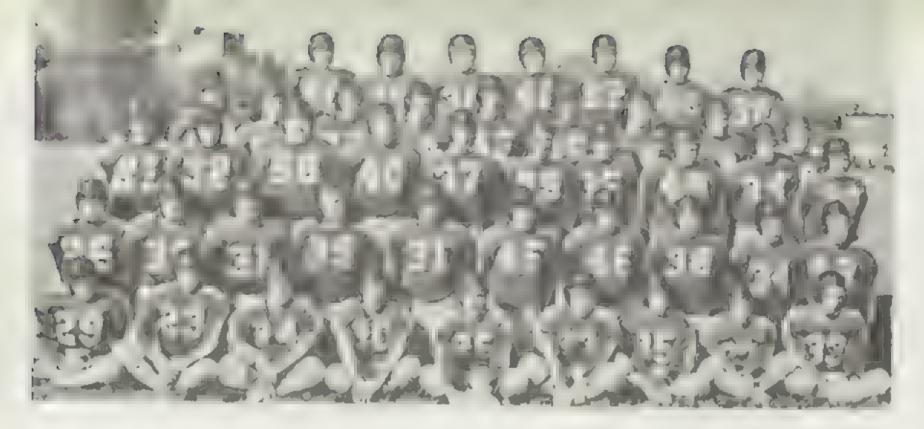












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FROSH-SOPH FOOTBALL

The pep and spirit of the Little Bucs, together with the coaching of Terry Ryan, pulled the team through a tough schedule, consisting of such powerful teams as Leyden, Marmion, Mooseheart, and Reavis. They had many hurdles to overcome starting with the serious injury of Fred Shook in the opening minutes of the first game. This streak of bad luck seemed to continue with more injuries and unfavorable weather conditions, such as snow and temperatures of ten below zero.

With all these disadvantages it was fortunate that there were forty - six enthusiastic, steadfast players that were always in there, fighting. All in all it was a good season of three wins, one tie, and four losses.

Most Valuable Player—Bernie Craig Most Improved Player—Loren Feltz



Co-Captain—George Elliott
Co-Captain—Jim Schultz





VARSITY VIEWS VICTORIES



HAROLD ANDERSON
Tri-captain

GENE ROWE

CLARENCE SWANSON Tri-captain

RAY DeWANE Most valuable player Free throw champ

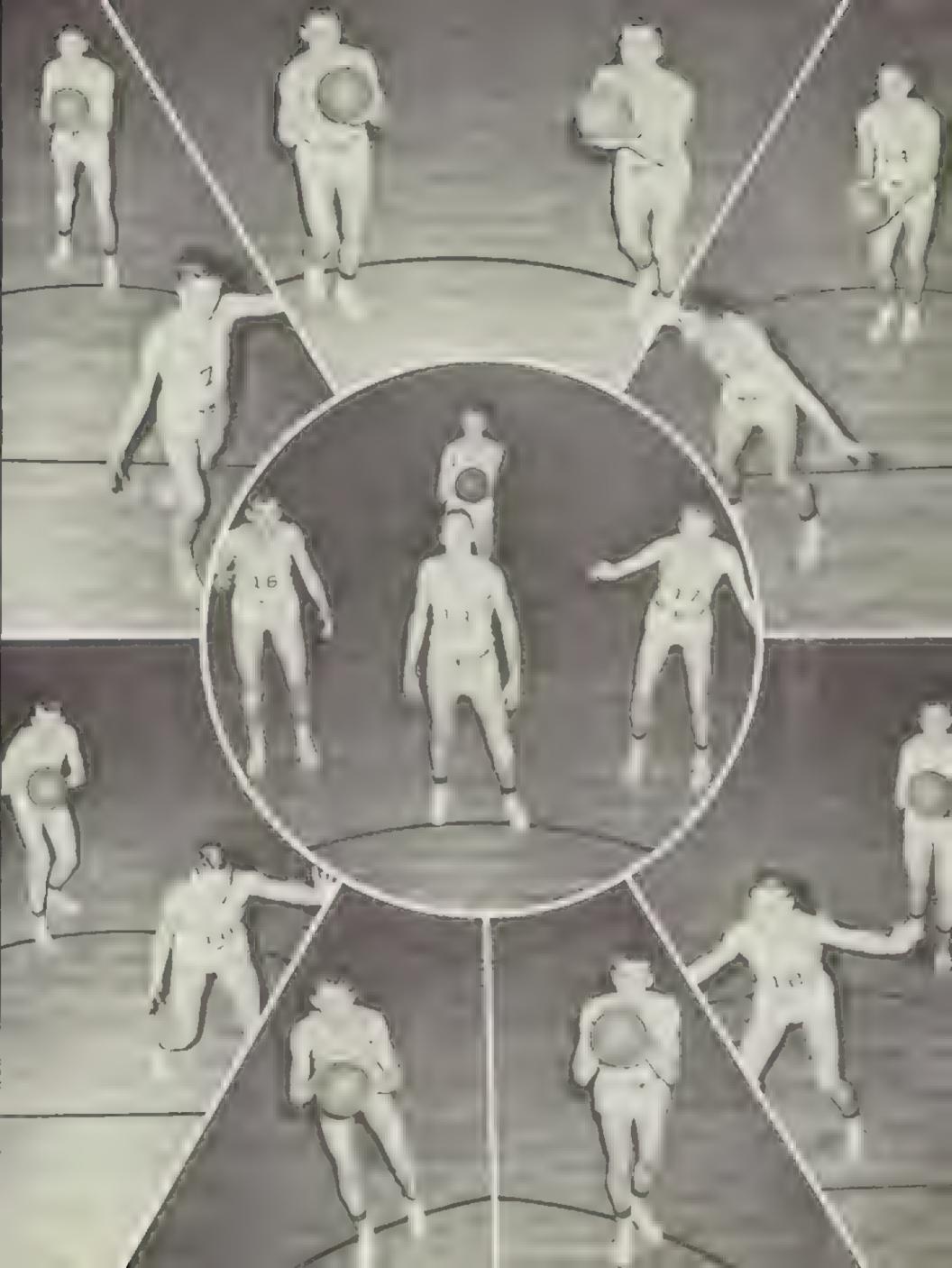
With eight returning lettermen from last year's regional championship team, our varsity hoopsters had a reputation to uphold. They more than fulfilled expectations by winning both the St. Thomas and DeKaib Hotiday Tournaments. Defeating Waterman in the finals at DeKalb by nine points, the Big Bucs received the winner's trophy for the first time since 1931. Ray DeWane was named captain of the all tournament team and Ron Helsdon was chosen for the second team, a great honor for the Buccaneers.

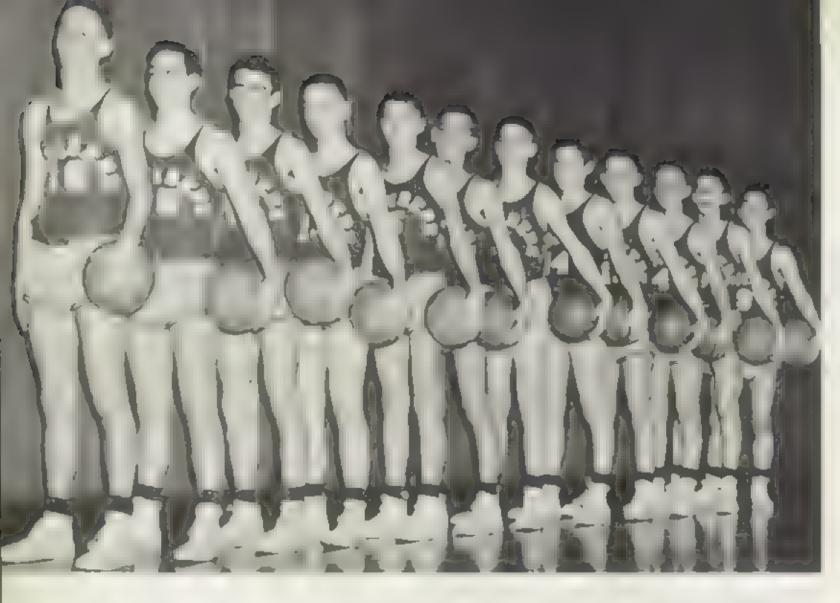
Splitting wins in the season's first four games, the Big Bucs then went on to pile up a nine game winning streak. The year ended with a 18 to 9 win loss record. Competition was keen, and the Bucs battled some of the top teams in the state including Freeport, East Rackford, West Rockford, and Hebron, whose Green Giants rated the number one spot in the state.

In the final pep assembly, Coach Stan Patrick stated that the Bucs were a hard fighting team which couldn't be stopped when their eyes were set on a goal. His words were a fitting tribute to a fine ball club. Sparked by regulars Ray DeWane, Gene Rowe, Ron Helsdon, Clarence Swanson, and Harold Anderson, and backed by a capable squad of reserves, this year's team carried on the tradition of the "Battling Bucs."

Varsity Squad

FIRST ROW: Don Battum, Jim Coleman, Roy Smiley, Bill Bauer, SECOND ROW: Dick Elliott, Ron Dunbar, THIRD ROW: Clarence Swanson, Harold Anderson, Jack Ryder, POURTH ROW: Max Newport, Jerry Woodard, Don Johannes, FIFTH ROW: Ron Helsdon, Ray DeWane, Jack Shattuck, Gene Rowe.





- T Jones
- M. Morris
- F. Shook
- G. Elliott
- D. Heinz
- C. Huck
- J. Elhott
- A. Fidder
- B. Craig
- D. Walters
- J Schultz

FROSH-SOPH FACE FUTURE

Hampered by inexperience, the Little Bucs were off to a spirited, if green, start. Because there were no returning lettermen, Coach Terry Ryan had a rebuilding job to do. Fortunately these boys had played together on a championship junior high team which Mr. Ryan coached.

Led by Tom Jones, Jim Schultz, Fred Shook, Doug Heinz, Chuck Huck, Bernie Craig, Mike Morris, and George Elliott, the Buclets turned in a season record of nine wins against ten losses. They played against good teams and fought all the way. The biggest win of the season came against Freeport when the Little Bucs edged the Pretzels by five points.

In the final game against Marengo the Little Bucs scored sixty-four points for a new frosh-soph floor record, and big Tom Jones tied the old individual scoring record with twenty-nine points. The members of the frosh-soph team are the building blacks from which good varsity teams are made. The Little Bucs have shown the kind of fighting spirit and teamwork that will make a winning varsity club.



Fred Shook, Co-captain; Tom Jones, Most valuable player; Doug Heinz, Co-captain.



BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

VARSITY

Belvidere			Belvidere		
51	Kirkland	38	64	Edgewood	66
49	West Rockford	66	47	Marmion	49
62	Rochelle	45	56	Arlington Hts.	46
44	DeKalb	46	72	Foreman	57
59	Mormion	46	49	Leyden	63
67	Harlem	52	58	Genoa	51
53	Leaf River	36	26	Freeport	45
74	Capron	29	50	East Rockford	75
59	St. Edwards	5 5	61	Niles	54
58	Alleman	51	54	Hebron	84
65	Maple Park	57	58	Rochelle	42
43	Leyden	39	67	St. Thomas	36
51	Waterman	42	70	Marengo	55
45	East Rockford	30			

FROSH-SOPH

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57	Kirkland	12	36	Foreman	47
17	W. Rockford	34	42	Leyden	55
45	Rochelle	47	48	Genoa	38
20	DeKalb	31	47	Freeport	42
47	Marmion	38	39	East Rockford	57
36	Harlem	58	32	Niles	52
33	East Rockford	40	57	Hebron	47
51	Edgewood	46	56	Rochelle	66
43	Marmion	33	38	St. Thomas	24
28	Arlington Hts.	37	64	Marengo	56









CINDER MEN BURN TRACK





With many of last year's team returning, the track team at B.H.S. promises to improve this spring. Coaches Bernie Knauer and Terry Ryan and a 1 Bervidere hope these boys can vault Belvidere into the track spotlight. There is a strong possibility that this team may do just that.

Returning are seniors. Harold Anderson, Gene Rowe, Jack Shattuck, Kenny DeVine, and Bob Hickey Juniors back again this year are Dick Whitehead, Ron Helsdon, Ron Dunbar, Don Barnum, Art Boettcher, Wilbur Nutt, Jerry Jensen, Dick Elliott, and Frank Lyford Sophomores returning are Joe Hobbs, Foster Lampert, Dennis Dorn, Bob Gritzmacher, Gail Bennett, and Roger Lindaas.

The team has been entered in the Palatine Relays. Triangular meets have tentatively been scheduled with DeKalb and Sycamore, Rochelle and DeKa b, St. Thomas and Harlem, and Marengo and Harvard. Instead of being in the Rockford Relays the team will be entered in a track meet at DeKalb for schools having an enrollment of less than a thousand. At the end of the season the team will go to Rockford for the District Meet.

PROSPECTS POTENT



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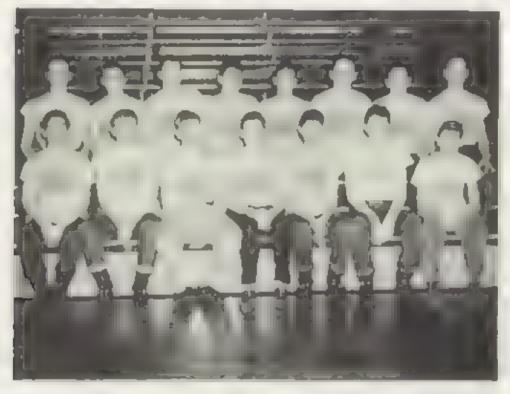
With most of the boys returning from last year's baseball team, which wan seventeen and lost only five and won the sub-district championship, the prospects at B.H.S. are very good again this year. In the last three years the Buc baseball team, coached by Joe Lewis, has established the amazing record of fifty-one wins and only nine cosses.

Returning from last year's fine team are the two ace pitchers, Bob Willis and Bob Edlund. Also returning from last year's first string are Bill Gibson, catcher, Bill Bauer, first baseman, Ray Dewane, second baseman, Don Johannes, third baseman who will play shortstop this year, and Don Whitchurch and Boyd Hill, outfielders. Jack Shattuck, who didn't play last year, is expected to play third base this year. Also returning from last year's team are Jim Coleman Wayne Kaltenbach, Art Hyland, Max Newport, Paul Lightner, Larry Hart, Dwight Bounds, and Earl Nordmeyer To complete the squad Coach Lewis will have several freshmen.

This year the Bucs will play another tough schedule of about twenty games, meeting such strong teams as East and West Rockford, Elgin, Freeport, and Dundee, as well as making a trip to Madison, Wisconsin to play two teams there.



NEW MEN CROWD COURTS



FIRST RUN J Samuez B. Craug, B Bahn, g I Corwell B Grasti, D. Everson, C. Hill, SECOND ROW: O. Johnson, L. Emmanuel, D. Heinz, R. Concialdi, B. Bann, T. Jones, M. Motris, M. Tomberg.

With most of this year's tennis team made up of freshmen and sophomores, the tennis prospects are rather dim. On the squad are only two seniors, Dave Heinz and Gerry Clausius, and no juniors. Inexperience will probably bother them, but they will gain experience as the season progresses and with that experience they will improve. This team under the expert tutelage of Coach Stan Patrick should round into a fine team in the next two years.

The tentative schedule for this season has matches scheduled with Rochelle, Crystal Lake, McHenry, Beloit and DeKalb. At the end of the season the team will be entered in the District Tournament which is usually held at Rockford.

GOLFERS CUT COURSE



FIRST ROW C. McGivetti, V. Rhoges B. Holffreter, D. Grimm, B. Giustl. SECOND ROW: D. Johnson, D. Day, R. Grant, B. Anderson, T. Hird ROW: D. Heinz, D. Walters, A. Rogers, K. Hartman, FOURTH ROW: G. Tangman, J. Wolf.

With all of last year's squad returning, the golf outlook at B.H.S. is brighter. This is only the second year for golf as a spring sport here at Belvidere and already the outlook for a good team is good. Last year, though coach Stan Patrick's team failed to win a match, they improved as the season progressed. With continued improvement they promise to give many an opposing team and par a thorough beating.

The tentative golf schedule for this year will have the Patrick men playing McHenry, Rochelle, St. Thomas, Crystal Lake, and DeKalb. At the end of the season the team will be entered in the District Meet which will probably be held in Rockford.

INTRAMURAL INTERESTS

VOLLEYBALL

In the boys' gym classes, early in the year, volley ball teams were chosen. These teams played in gym class competition until one winning team was left in each class. These winners then battled for the championship in a noon time tournament. The champs, Dave Heinz and his team from the seventh hour gym class, received individual trophies later in the year.



B. Edlund, G. Claustus, H. Albrecht, E. Klein, D. Heinz, J. Ainsworth, G. Hanson, NOT PICTURED: P. Paulson, J. Pribble,

BASKETBALL

Intramural basketball games were handled in the same manner as the volleyball program. This tournament was played after school. A team composed of underclassmen from the fifth period gym class won first place. These intramural sports provide valuable athletic training for boys who are not out for interscholastic competition.



D. James, J. Bicksler, G. Turner, P. Gilman, R. Hanson, B. Bann, R. Holtfreter, D. Day, G. Luckow.

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

But what did they do for fun?" the high school kid of today asks. And a scholar from the past replies, "Each and every one had a share in the activities of the nour, whether it was a game of craquet, a picnic with a riotous program, or the semi-monthly reading circle, to say nothing of frequent exhibitions, which were entertainments given by students. In the winter months there were sieigh rides—long ones to the country and on, those sleigh rides! No one's literary career or physical culture can be complete unless he has rescued an overturned load of merrymakers, or helped dig out a way through a snowdrift. Though our school days had their delights, they didn't compare with our school nights. So wrote a student of the mid-nineteenth century

Even the classes were not all study. There was the time a boy in the old Newton Academy jumped right out the window to see the first train chug through Belvidere. He was followed by the school master who, also jumping out the window, quickly caught the errant youth and brought him back to the claistered halls. Once during an entertainment at the old Lincoln School the batcony collapsed. When it feel, people who had been sitting on the wide window sulls were left stranded, perched high above the floor.

The turn of the century brought an increase in activities. There were yell practices, bon fires, and pep assemblies. When the team traveled to an out of town game, the whole student body turned out for a mass pep rally at the railroad depot to cheer them on their way. Rockford was the traditional rival, and to bring home Rockford's bacon" was the yearly goal. When Rockford won, the halls were silent, but when the Bucs triumphed, B.H.S. rang with shouts of

'Hobble, Gobble!
Razzle, Dazzel!
Sip Boom Bah!
Belvidere High School,
Rah! Rah! Rah!

In 1913, the boys staged a minstrel show which was a smash hit. Besides the minstrel show, there were operatas and plays presented in the old Opera House.

While the new high school was being built, classes were held at the North Baptist Church. Although space may have been cramped, their style wasn't Dancing, sleigh rides, taffy puils, and stunts were favorites for parties. Romances and feuds bloomed in the same halls, freshman were just as green and seniors just as sedate.

When the magnificent new structure was completed in 1916 the students rejoiced. The spacious hallways, marble drinking fountains, and huge pictures seemed like a dream. The girls in the domestic science department cooked breakfast for the team for weeks at a time just to show off their culinary skills in the "modern" kitchen.

The "big new school building" doesn't seem so big anymore or so new, nor the halfs so spacious. The 1951-52 carendar is a busy one, one which has kept B.H.S. constantly on the go-always laughing, always friendly, always moving forward.



SCHOOL LIFE

HOMECOMING -- BIG HIT

Homecoming got off to a rip-roaring start as each class shifted into high, campaigning for their respective royal candidates. After many local merchants changed their window display advertisements from "Ladies Ready to Wear' to "Vote Senior," the weeklong activities began. The freshmen entered Jayce Schulte and Alien Fidder, while the sophomores hoped that Terry Phillips and George Elliott would win. The juniors campaigned for Marilyn Wirth and Don Barnum; the seniors backed Barbara Berry and Chuck Cunningham.

Starting things off with the annual Snake Dance, the sponsoring Pep Club succeeded in making this year's celebration the best in 8.H.S. history. With the light from a huge bonfire, pep talks by coaches, members of the team, and 'Monday morning quarterbacks drew the festivities to a close.

Then came the important night! With Belvidere leading Marmion 25 to 0 at the half, the royal candidates were paraded around the field in late model convertibles to the royal throne erected at the west end of the field. The night was climaxed with an overwhelming homecoming score of 45 to 0.

The excitement wasn't over yet. In fact it had just begun, it seemed the rivalry between the classes had never been so close.

On to the dance—"Mr. Touchdown B.H.S." was the theme. Fighting football silhouettes surrounded the students as they danced to the music of Tiny Menzie's archestra. Everyone agreed that the Community Building with its decorated goal posts, band stand, and punch table created a fine atmosphere for a successful football dance.

As the evening progressed, the excitement mounted as the frash-soph and varsity football players marched in to form an aisie for the royal candidates. Who would reign as the 1951 Homecoming king and queen? Down the aisie came Sally Harrison and Danny McAllister, the crownbearers, followed by last year's winners, Bonnie James and Don Fidder, and the 1951 royal candidates. The winners—Barbara Berry and Charlie Cunningham, SENIORSI And another successful Homecoming Week was brought to a close.

Don Barnam, George Elaste Alan Fadder, Don Fidder, Chuck Cunningham, Barb Berry, Bonnte James, Joyce Schulte, Terry Phillips, Marllyn Wirth, Sally Harrison, Danny McAllister.





HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS



Three pretty queen condidates watched the Bucs trample the Marmion codets. The royal court viewed the game from a throne erected at one end of the Legion Memorial Field. The candidates were; Joyce Schulte, freshman; Terry Phillips, sophomore; and Marilyn Wirth, junior.

In the Homecoming Pep Assembly Miss Reavis, Miss Wash-ington Park, Miss Harlem, and Miss Marmion were defeated in the beauty contest by Miss Belvidere. Don Fidder, Gene Rowe, Ray DeWane, Bonnie James, Doris Larson, Bill Smith, Pat James, Dan Sullivan, and Bill Gibson.





Determined Seniors pushed their candidates on to victory the night of the Homecoming Snake Dance. Romelle Miller, Jane Hoffman, Carol Marshall, Barb Fry, Barb Berry, Charlie Cunningham, Doris Moore, Pat Lewis, and Esther Storey.

September--1951

- 4 Back to the salt mines!
- 5 Freshman meet B.H.S. without aid (?) of upperclassmen.
- 6. B.H.S. welcomes Joe and Karl.
- Twenty six shaking prospectives try out for cheering
- 11. Home rooms elect Student Council representatives.
- 14. First Football game at Racine. We skunked 'em.
- Class officers elected. Boys showed their majority.
- 19. Student Council president elected. Three cheers for Ray DeWane!
- 22. Freshies' night to shine at Bee Hive.
- 24. Pep Club officers elected. Even up--two boys and two girls.
- 28. Installation program held in Community Building. Now it's official

October -- 1951

- I. Homecoming candidates elected. Mmm not badi
- 5. Leyden there. Lost. They were bigger than we were
- 11. Snake dance. Seniors stole the show.
- Marmion game. Homecoming. We showed 'em.
- Homecoming Dance. Seniors' night to howl.
 They did it again!
- 16. Report Cards. It was fun while it lasted.
- 22. G.A.A. Buddy Hike. Oh! my aching feet!
- 23. Freshmen Reception. They learned the ropes.
- 24. Oil tanks installed. Hot Monday mornings!
- 25. Physical Exams. Say ah-h
- 26. Edgewood there. Twelve freezing fans saw Belvidere hit the ground.

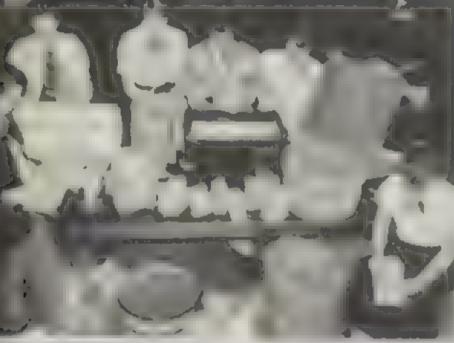














November--1951

- 2 DeKalb there, Just wait till next year!
- 2. Term papers due. Just a little more time, please?
- St. Thomas here. Not even snow on the gridiron stopped us
- 10. I.O.U. Club show, B.H.S. students displayed their talents
- 17. Sadie Hawkins dance. Girls go to town!
- 21, G.A.A. Dance. Groaning heard from more than one boy.
- 22. Thanksgiving, More stomach aches!
- 24. First basketball game with Kirkland. Gat off to a roaring start.
- 27 Report Cards. Improvement shown by all??
- 28 Nuts to G.A.A. Two and one-half tons
- 30. West High there. How could they do that to us?

December--1951

- 1. Rochelle here. That'll learn 'em
- 7. DeKalb there. We was robbed!
- 8 Marmion here. Down with the cadets!
- 12. Christmas decorations up. Who's gonna win?
- 13, Christmas concert, Music! Music! Music!
- 15 Harlem here. Bench warmers steal game.
- Student Council program. We even sang Christmas carols.
- Christmas decorations winners announced.
 Sophomores win. Congrats!
- 22. St. Edwards Championship game-Another trophy to add to our collection.
- 26. DeKalb Holiday Tournament. Allernan—
 one down and we're not stopping 'till we
 take 'em all.
- 28. Maple Park -- two down and two to go.
- 29. Leyden --whew-wl close call.
- 30. Waterman—it just takes determination and our '51-'52 squad.
- 31. New Year's Eve dance.



January--1952

- Vacation just got started and here we are back to—--school.
- 5. East Rockford here. You've got to lose once in a while.
- 8. Junior sweaters arrive-pretty neat.
- 14 Student Council Program, Harold Danks and his Artic dogs. Neversaw their equal
- 16. Final exams. Oh, to be on the other end of the rope!
- 18 End of finals-yipee-yipee!

 Marmion there. Robbed again.
- 19. Arlington Heights here Height no obstacle to us.
- 22. Report Cards. One-semester down, one to
- 25. Foreman here. Every player had a chance to shine
- 26 Leyden there. At least we took the most important one.
- 29 Genoa there. That was a close one.

February--1952

- 2. Freeport there. Something different—hold—ing the ball for 5 minutes.
- 9. East Rockford there. We tried everything but "we was doomed."
- Student Council skating party –loads of thrills and spills.
- 14. Senior class play try-outs. What a bunch of characters!
- 16. Niles here. We're picking up where we left off.
- 21. G.A.A. Induction-with four honorary members
- 22 Hebron here-Man! What a team!
- 23. Rochelle there. We're back on the victory road.
- St. Thomas-Even the second team racked up points.
- 29. Marengo here. Another basketball season comes to a close.





1952—The atomic age had dawned, jet propelled planes streaked across the country in a few hours; television became the national pastime; super suds and super highways were common expressions. Thousands of people slept under electric blankets and in June one hundred eight B.H.S. seniors received high school diplomas. That was the class of 1952, the seventy-fifth class to graduate from Belvidere High School.

pages we have traced the history of our school, its students, and activities from their earliest beginnings. Although we've laughed a little at the strange clothes and hairdo's, the aughter has been superficial. For we admire these students and teachers and the ideals which they have fostered, the ideals from which our school has grown.

Now we in turn become alumni of Belvidere High School, and another class will take our place. But perhaps twenty-five years from now when the helicopter is relegated to the scrap heap with the surrey, and "the poodle" is just a dog again, we'll come across our Belvi in a dusty closet or attic. We will laugh then at ourselves, thinking how young we were and remembering what fun we had back in our "good old days."

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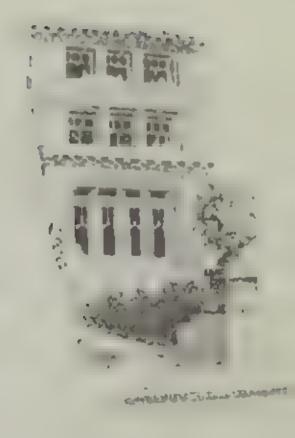
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